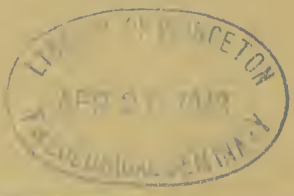

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THE

SYNOD OF NEW YORK,

A. D. 1899.

The Synod of New York met, agreeably to appointment, in the Second Church, Troy, October 17th, A. D. 1899, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D., of the Presbytery of Binghamton, on John xiv, 27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you."

The Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Alfonso R. Olney, D. D.,	George S. Munson, M. D.,
William Durant, D. D.,	James V. Jones,
A. Russell Stevenson (2),	George F. Smith,
Henry T. McEwen, D. D.,	James Rodgers,
Herbert C. Hinds,	Arthur M. Peck,
Josiah Still,	Joseph Steele,
Walter H. Waygood,	James M. Wands (2).
Jeremiah V. Wemple.	

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
C. Edward Fay,	Amasa J. Hoyt,
A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D.,	George B. Perkins,
Arthur Spaulding,	George J. Michelbach.
William Ellis Williams.	

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

Charles S. Dewing, D. D.,	John Willis Baer (2),
Martin D. Kneeland, D. D.,	Charles S. Pillsbury.
William E. Archibald, Ph. D.,	
David B. McMurdy,	
Robert Westly Peach,	
James J. Dunlop.	

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

John E. Fray,	John A. Nexsen,
Joseph G. Snyder,	Theodore Van Duzee,
James N. Grace,	Ambrose Leonard,
Roland S. Dawson,	Jens F. Bidstrup,
Frederick J. Pohl,	Oscar W. Smith,
Walter Rockwood Ferris.	Ira Goddard.

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

T. Ralston Smith, D. D.,	Joseph C. Batchelor,
Samuel T. Clarke (2),	Horace Briggs,
Charles F. Hubbard,	Charles S. Butler (2),
John D. Campbell,	Albert A. Corbett.
Charles E. Rhodes.	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

Wallace B. Lucas, D. D.,	William J. Donovan,
William H. Hubbard,	Frederick M. Prentice.
J. Wilson Brainard,	
Aaron C. Stuart.	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

John F. Humphreys,	Edwin G. Moore,
Edward Scofield,	William Johnson.
Arthur Cushing Dill.	

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Joseph E. Tinker,	John C. Fisher, M. D.,
Allen F. De Camp (2),	James M. Ormiston (2).
Louis F. Ruf,	
Ira E. Leonard.	

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

Archibald M. Shaw,	Silas W. Studley.
Henry P. Bake, D. D.	

XI. PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

Hiram W. Congdon,
Henry R. Fancher.

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

N. Beall Remick, D. D.,	Aaron C. Rippey,
J. Wilford Jacks, D. D.,	James Mead,
Arthur J. Waugh (2),	William H. Foster.
William W. Weller.	

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

John S. Gilmor,	Nathaniel J. Kelsey,
David F. Bonner, D. D.,	Thomas S. Hulse,
William M. Covert,	Edward F. Pierson (2),
Robert Bruce Clark,	Frederick B. Post,
Benjamin F. Parliman.	Joseph Durland,
	J. Harvey Hanford.

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

Clarence Geddes, M. D.,	Gilbert D. Rogers,
Egbert C. Lawrence, Ph. D.,	Thomas S. Mount,
Frederick V. Frisbie.	John H. Hunt.

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

Luther A. Ostrander, D. D.,	William H. Kent,
Vernon N. Yergin.	George J. Serven.

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Charles G. Matteson,	James McKinney.
Robert D. Merrill,	
Azel Hull Fish (2).	

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

George W. F. Birch, D. D., LL. D.,	Henry W. Jessup,
John H. Edwards, D. D. (2),	Rush Taggart,
Duncan J. McMillan, D. D. (2),	Thomas Cochran,
Anson P. Atterbury, D. D. (2),	J. Wilford Allen,
Wilton Merle Smith, D. D.,	Henry E. Rowland,
George S. Webster (2),	Ezra P. Hoyt (2),
David G. Wylie, D. D.,	Daniel J. Holden,
Howard A. Johnston, D. D. (2),	James L. Beyea, M. D.,
John Balcom Shaw, D. D.,	James Tompkins.
Thomas S. McWilliams.	

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

William H. Cornett.	Walter A. Tuttle,
	William H. Kilborne,
	Veeder H. Cole,
	William F. Evans.

XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

Jeremiah Searle,	William W. Smith (2),
James A. McGowan,	John I. Platt,
William P. Swartz,	Henry R. Van Vliet (2).
Hugh Russell Fraser,	
Plato T. Jones.	

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

James H. Robinson, D. D.,	Thomas Ballantyne.
Sidney S. Conger,	
William A. Beecher.	

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Charles P. Coit, D. D.,	Benjamin F. Bowen,
Richard D. Harlan,	Miles B. McNair,
Thomas Melvin,	Franklin S. Stebbins,
Frederick N. Lindsay,	Francis S. Little.
William A. Hallock,	
Wm. Wallace Ketcham.	

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

L. Merrill Miller, D. D.,	Robert Markwick,
Allen Macy Dulles,	Prof. Orange W. Dodge,
James Robertson,	Joseph P. Bonney.
William F. Skinner,	
W. Courtland Robinson.	

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

George M. Janes,	Uri Balcom,
B. Van Vliet Putnam,	Austin H. Otis,
Edward M. Deems, Ph. D.,	Walter Karr.
Peter McKenzie.	

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

William B. Dada,	Albert R. Walker,
George W. Newman,	George Warner,
Emery L. Evans.	Thomas Ferris,
	John T. Roberts (2).

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

Hector Hall, D. D.,	Frederick P. Allen,
Edward P. Sprague, D. D.,	Edward N. Dauchy,
Theophilus P. Sawin, D. D.,	Daniel H. Ayers,
Donald MacGregor,	Daniel C. Farr, Ph. D. (3),
William H. Sybrandt,	Alexander M. Sherman,
George Fairlee,	Mallory D. Schoonmaker,
Allan McD. Paterson.	William H. Hollister, Jr.

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Dana W. Bigelow,	Norton J. Newth,
Thaddeus C. Henderson,	J. Theodore Knox,
Esta E. Grosh,	Joseph Rice.
David L. Roberts.	

XXX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Wilson Phraner, D. D.,	W. Addison Burnham,
George F. Pentecost, D. D.,	Samuel H. Wilson,
Richard P. H. Vail, D. D. (2),	Ralph E. Prime, LL. D.,
Charles S. Lane,	Sanford R. Knapp,
Arthur Requa,	David I. Carson,
George R. Cutting,	William H. Foster.
John A. Ingham (2),	
Alvah G. Fessenden.	

The REV. JAMES H. ROBINSON, D. D., of the Presbytery of Otsego, was elected Moderator, and was duly inducted into office.

The REV. DAVID G. WYLIE, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York, and the REV. WILLIAM ELLIS WILLIAMS, of the Presbytery of Binghamton, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The REV. HECTOR HALL, D. D., Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, extended a cordial welcome to the members of the Synod, and reported the recommendations agreed upon by the Committee of Arrangements and the Committee on the Synodical Congress. These were adopted, as far as they related to Wednesday's sessions, as follows:

Wednesday, 10 A. M.: Conference on the Spiritual needs of our Church, to be led by Rev. W. Merle Smith, D. D.

At 11, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the service to be conducted by Rev. Geo. F. Pentecost, D. D., assisted by Ruling Elders Dr. Van Arsdale, Horace Briggs, Nathaniel J. Kelsey, Frederick P. Allen, Edward H. Boughton, John Harrison, Sanford R. Knapp, Henry W. Jessup, Joseph P. Bonney, William V. Baker, William H. Hollister, Jr., Franklin Field.

At 2. P. M., Church Erection: Report by Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., and Address by Rev. John A. Ingham.

At 2.20, Publication and Sabbath School Work: Address by Rev. James A. Worden, D. D.

At 2.40, Aid for Colleges and Academies: Address by Rev. Howard A. Johnston, D. D.

At 3, Work among Young People: Report by Rev. E. M. Deems, Ph. D., and Address by Elder John Willis Baer.

At 3.30, Ministerial Relief: Report by Rev. George C. Yeisley, D. D., and Address by Elder William H. Hollister, Jr.

At 4, Education for the Ministry: Report by Rev. Gerard B. F. Hallock, D. D., and Address by Rev. Theodore S. Wyhkoop, D. D., of India.

At 4.30, Missions for Freedmen: Addresses by Rev. Samuel T. Clarke and Rev. Edward P. Cowan, D. D.

At 7.30, Home Missions: Report by Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, and Address by Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D.

At 8.30, Foreign Missions: Report by Rev. J. Balcom Shaw, D. D., and Address by Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D. D.

The daily sessions to be from eight o'clock A. M. until twelve, from two P. M. until half-past five, and from half-past seven P. M. until closed at the pleasure of the Synod. The morning Meetings for Prayer to be from eight until nine, and to be conducted on Wednesday by Rev. J. Balcom Shaw, D. D., and on Thursday by Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph. D.

Adjourned until Wednesday, at eight o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 18, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and spent the first hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled (marked 2) were reported as being present.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the REV. DAVID B. MCMURDY, of the Presbytery of Boston, as Vice-Moderator, and also the following

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES:

Ministers—A. Cameron MacKenzie, N. Beall Remick, William F. Skinner, Wilton Merle Smith, Sidney S. Conger, William Durant, Richard D. Harlan, Henry R. Fancher, Edward M. Deems.

Elders—William H. Hollister, Jr., Henry W. Jessup, William J. Donovan, Ira Goddard, Walter A. Tuttle, John C. Fisher, Albert R. Walker, George B. Perkins.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS:

Ministers—George W. F. Birch, L. Merrill Miller, David F. Bonner, Dana W. Bigelow, Wallace B. Lucas, Herbert C. Hinds, Allen F. De Camp, William E. Archibald, Allan McD Paterson.

Elders—Sanford R. Knapp, John I. Platt, William H. Kent, Franklin S. Stebbins, Aaron C. Rippey, Joseph P. Bonney, Edwin G. Moore, James Rodgers.

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Ministers—J. Balcom Shaw, W. Courtland Robinson, William P. Swartz.

Elders—Austin H. Otis, Thomas Ballantyne.

4. FINANCE:

Elders—Horace Briggs, Henry E. Rowland, Robert Markwick, J. Theodore Knox, William H. Foster (Geneva).

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Ministers—Edward P. Sprague, Peter McKenzie, William A. Beecher, David L. Roberts, C. Edward Fay, Charles E. Rhodes.

Elders—Joseph Steele, Amasa J. Hoyt, William Johnson, Oscar W. Smith, William H. Foster (Westchester).

6. NOMINATION OF VISITORS TO COLLEGES, ETC.:

Ministers—Jeremiah Searle, William W. Weller, Henry T. McEwen, William H. Cornett, Egbert C. Lawrence.

Elders—Rush Taggart, Joseph C. Batchelor, Frederick M. Prentice, Silas N. Studley.

7. NOMINATION OF WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS:

Ministers—Charles P. Coit, Theophilus P. Sawin, Charles S. Dewing, Henry P. Bake, Louis F. Ruf.

Elders—Prof. Orange W. Dodge, James Mead, George S. Munson, Frank Little.

8. NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD, ETC.:

Ministers—Hiram W. Congdon, George Fairlee, Luther A. Ostrander, Charles G. Matteson, George R. Cutting, Thomas S. McWilliams.

Elders—Ralph E. Prime, Thomas Cochran, Ambrose Leonard, John C. Fisher, Daniel J. Holden.

9. TO COLLATE THE REPORTS ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

Ministers—James Robertson, James A. McGowan, Charles S. Lane.

Elders—James L. Beyea, Edward N. Dauchy.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

1. ALBANY: *Ministers*—George M. Janes, Arthur Spaulding. *Elder*—George J. Michelbach.

2. BINGHAMTON: *Ministers*—Alfonso R. Olney, James J. Dunlop. *Elder*—Arthur M. Peck.

3. BOSTON: *Ministers*—Josiah Still, Jacob G. Snyder. *Elder*—James V. Jones.

4. BROOKLYN: *Ministers*—Robert W. Peach, Walter H. Waygood. *Elder*—George F. Smith.

5. BUFFALO: *Ministers*—Walter Rockwood Ferris, Jeremiah V. Wemple. *Elder*—Charles S. Pillsbury.

6. CAYUGA: *Ministers*—Arthur Requa, Esta E. Grosh. *Elder*—David I. Carson.

7. CHAMPLAIN: *Ministers*—Frederick J. Pohl, John D. Campbell. *Elder*—Joseph Rice.

8. CHEMUNG: *Ministers*—Alvah G. Fessenden, Charles F. Hubbard. *Elder*—W. Addison Burnham.

9. CHILE: [No Records].

10. COLUMBIA: *Ministers*—William H. Sybrandt, John E. Fray. *Elder*—John A. Nexsen.

11. EASTERN PERSIA: *Ministers*—Samuel T. Clarke, John A. Ingham. *Elder*—James M. Wands.

12. GENESEE: *Ministers*—J. Wilson Brainard, George W. Newman. *Elder*—Uri Balcom.

13. GENEVA: *Ministers*—Hiram W. Congdon, Thaddeus C. Henderson. *Elder*—George J. Serven.

14. HUDSON: *Ministers*—William B. Dada, William W. Ketcham. *Elder*—George Warner.

15. LONG ISLAND: *Ministers*—B. Van Vliet Putnam, William A. Hallock. *Elder*—Albert R. Walker.

16. LYONS: *Ministers*—Plato T. Jones, Emery L. Evans. *Elder*—William H. Kilborne.

17. NASSAU: *Ministers*—Joseph E. Tinker, Archibald M. Shaw. *Elder*—Albert A. Corbett.

18. NEW YORK: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Hugh R. Fraser. *Elder*—Veeder H. Cole.

19. NIAGARA: *Ministers*—Roland S. Dawson, Aaron C. Stuart. *Elder*—Frederick M. Prentice.

20. NORTH LAOS: *Ministers*—A. Russell Stevenson, George S. Webster. *Elder*—James M. Ormiston.

21. NORTH RIVER: *Ministers*—Duncan J. McMillan, Ira E. Leonard. *Elder*—Jens F. Bidstrup.

22. OTSEGO: *Ministers*—Allen F. De Camp, Benjamin F. Parliman. *Elder*—Joseph Durland.

23. ROCHESTER: *Ministers*—John S. Gilmor, Clarence Geddes. *Elder*—Frederick B. Post.

24. ST. LAWRENCE: *Ministers*—Frederick V. Frisbie, Frederick N. Lindsay. *Elder*—Thomas S. Mount.

25. SIAM: [No Records].

26. STEUBEN: *Ministers*—Robert D. Merrill, Arthur J. Waugh. *Elder*—George Warner.

27. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—John H. Edwards, John D. Campbell. *Elder*—J. Wilford Allen.

28. TROY: *Ministers*—Vernon N. Yergin, William M. Covert. *Elder*—Joseph Steele.

29. UTICA: *Ministers*—Robert Bruce Clark, Hugh R. Fraser. *Elder*—Nathaniel J. Kelsey.

30. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—William H. Hubbard, Donald MacGregor. *Elder*—John H. Hunt.

Overtures and other documents were called for, and the papers presented were placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The Committee on the "Religious Corporations Act" offered an informal report, which was accepted, and the Committee was continued.

The Permanent Committee on Church Erection, through Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted:

Whatever may be our individual views concerning the extension of our national territory, we are of one mind as to the extension of the kingdom of Christ. No means have been more effective during the last fifty years, in giving stability to the Church, than the erection of edifices for the worship of God, and of manses for the permanent homes of the clergy. The thoughts, plans, prayers and sacrifices of a generation are crystallized into a church building, concerning which the Divine Head of the Church says, as of old, "I have chosen this place to myself."

All denominations have felt, early in their history, the importance of church extension; and the vigor and increase of denominational life have been shown in the number of churches erected. The most notable example is found in the M. E. Church, with a loan fund of nearly $1,000,000, and annual collections of some $200,000. Do we wonder that this denomination erects at the rate of three church buildings every day of the year?

We regret that we are not able to report a more rapid advance the past year, in our own denomination. The rate of progress which reached high water mark in 1887, when 228 church buildings were erected, has not continued. If maintained, there should have been an advance of 27 per cent. last year, making 289 new churches. Only 123, however, were reported as applying for and receiving aid, and the decline since 1887 has been continued. In 1898 this was due largely to the war, as is evident from the fact that the Secretary of the Board reports, during the first month or so of this year a larger number of applications than during the same time in any previous year. These 123 churches were aided from the General Fund to an aggregate amount of $60,172, a stated percentage of the grants to be returned to the Board in annual contributions to its treasury.

The Manse Fund granted last year 34 applications to the amount of $16,075. This Fund has proved a great help and stimulus to struggling churches, and evinces the practical wisdom of its founder, Mrs. Stuart, who, fifteen years ago, made the original endowment of $25,000. This has increased until it is now $86,500. More than double the original sum has been loaned without interest and returned by the churches, to which it has been a great blessing. The Reynolds fund, of some $20,000, is now available for similar appropriations.

The Loan Fund has assisted 11 churches the past year, to the amount of $38,269. During its seven years of existence, it has made 168 loans at low interest, aggregating $114,516. Through losses and failures, some of these loans will not be returned, and others have not been. To prevent a depletion of this fund, a portion of the interest is set aside each year.

The following data are interesting: Churches assisted by the Board from the beginning, 7,765, with an aggregate value of $3,814,139. The total value of the churches secured is $14,119,338. Churches reached by the Board the past year, 180. The total receipts the past year are $169,282, appropriations $99,086, and disbursements $129,660. The churches completed by aid of the Board the past year are 156, and these secure property valued at $447,275.

In our own Synod the receipts for the Board were $10,374 from 480 churches, 56 per cent. of the whole; the average contribution being about $22. The churches not contributing numbered 377, or 44 per cent. Grants to eight of our churches amounted to $3,100.

Your Committee cannot forbear referring to the great loss which the Board has sustained in the death of Rev. John Hall, D. D., who served it continuously and faithfully from its organization, a period of twenty-nine years.

Our only recommendation is a vital one, that the Synod increase, rather than diminish, its contributions to this object during the current year. This should be pressed home upon every pastor and church. The moment of greatest danger is the time of seeming success and prosperity. While we report a most hopeful situation, all debts paid, and money in the treasury, it indicates drought and stagnation at the fountain-head, fewer churches built, and fewer applications for aid, because fewer to apply. If our great church reduces its gifts to this work of extension, it will seem to approve the shrinkage of the past decade. It should encourage a policy of wise expansion. It is not devitalized. Its mission is to increase, and help conquer the world for Jesus Christ.

Mr. Frank L. Marshall, of the Church Music Department of the Board of Publication, addressed the Synod by invitation.

Papers were reported by the Stated Clerk, and referred, as follows:

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. An Overture from the Presbytery of Niagara and others, in reference to the publication of the Minutes.

2. A petition from the Church of Ancram Lead Mines, asking its transfer from the Presbytery of Columbia to the Presbytery of North River.

3. A Memorial in reference to the Congressional representation of Utah.

4. An Overture from the Presbytery of Westchester, in reference to pugilistic exhibitions.

5. An Overture from the Presbytery of Steuben, in reference to the expenses of the Synod.

To the Committee on Judicial Business:

1. An appeal and complaint of Rev. James G. Patterson, D. D., against the Presbytery of New York, in the matter of Rev. A. F. Schauffler, D. D.

2. The record of the action of the General Assembly in the case of Hermann Warzsawiak, as contained in the Minutes of the Assembly of 1899, pp. 45 and 111.

A conference was held on "The Spiritual Needs of our Church," led by Rev. Wilton Merle Smith, D. D.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered according to the arrangement.

A recess was taken until two o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and the Moderator offered prayer.

The interests of the Board of Church Erection were presented by Rev. John A. Ingham.

Rev. James A. Worden, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

The Permanent Committee on Aid for Colleges and Academies presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted, after an address by Rev. Howard A. Johnston, D. D.:

How many of the ministers of the Synod have explained to their churches during the past year what the Board of Aid for Colleges stands for, what it accomplishes, and what it needs; or have told of its ever increasing and splendidly executed work?

Our Church, through this Board, has 23 Colleges in the new West and South. Of these, 4 have endowments, and 19 need and receive help for current expenses.

The Board aims to foster struggling institutions, and always secures itself while helping them. It is a mighty force for positive Christian Education in all the Institutions that it touches. As a result of its timely aid all but three of the institutions referred to are out of debt. While our great Church and its members are studying *about* the Bible, and in places are troubled over its contents, surely when the Bible and that for which it stands, are taught so thoroughly and intelligently as a daily Text Book, we may feel that many are thus equipped for the Gospel ministry who will be a genuine power. The ranks of the Presbyterian ministry have been richly recruited with men from the

Colleges and Academies under the care of this our youngest but most excellent Board. It is recommended:

1. That the Synod reaffirm the action of the Assembly in commending the Board and its work to the confidence, prayers and gifts of the churches.

2. That every Church be urged to recognize, in a suitable way, Education Day in January, 1900, and that an offering be taken on that or some equally convenient date for the work of the Board.

3. That the day of Prayer for Colleges, the last Thursday in January, be recognized in the Churches of the Synod, by meetings for prayer.

Elder J. Willis Baer spoke in behalf of work among the young people.

The Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies, through Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph. D., presented the following Report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

Your Committee has written to all the presbyteries and received replies from twelve. From these and other sources it has obtained the following statistics, which are approximate only:

The number of Christian Endeavor Societies in the Synod is 748, representing all of our churches except 72. In most of these latter the young people are organized into some sort of association, such as the Westminster League, the Andrew and Philip Society, etc. There are 275 Junior Societies. The number of members is 50,000; and the gifts to Home and Foreign Missions and the other Boards of our church amount to about $23,000. Over 7,000 of the converts added last year to the Church in the Synod were from our Young People's Societies. These figures exhibit a most gratifying advance, and lead us not only to praise God, but to appreciate more thoroughly what an important factor in the Synod's life and work the Young People's Societies are.

It is most interesting to note that the life in these societies is manifesting itself more and more in offerings of money and aggressive work of various kinds rather than in merely holding prayer meetings and increasing their numbers. We especially mention the work of the young people of Lafayette Avenue Church, Brooklyn, as an inspiration to others. Last year they contributed $900 toward the expenses of one of the chapels, while furnishing scholarships in Asheville, N. C., and Korea, and aiding Indian schools and schools in China. Some of the societies report aid to their home churches towards funds for repairs and building. An increasing number of Presbyterial unions, or convocations, is being held to promote instruction and inspiration along denominational lines. Binghamton Presbytery held a Christian Endeavor Institute of marked spiritual power in connection with its fall meeting. For over three years the Societies of Binghamton Presbytery have

supported a weak, pastorless church, without aid from the Synod or the Board. One in Niagara Presbytery, at Albion, last year distributed 4,000 periodicals through their Literature Committee. In other ways, such as evangelistic work and efforts among prisoners, our young people have labored for Christ and the Church.

We find that a large majority of the societies are in accord with the Assembly's "Statement of Relations between the Church and Young People's Associations," [Minutes of 1896; p. 62], a valuable statement, which we suggest as worthy of being framed and placed in the rooms in which the Society meetings are held.

We commend our young people throughout the Synod for their growing generosity, activity and enthusiasm, and appeal to our Church Sessions and the older members of our churches to know them better and guide and cherish them more than in the past, with a view to instructing and inspiring them with regard to the history, spirit, and organization of the Presbyterian Church, and with a view to deepening their spirituality. It is recommended:

1. That the Committee of Arrangements be instructed to devote one hour of one of the evening services at the next meeting of the Synod to the interests of our young people and their societies.

2. That the Permanent Committee be authorized to procure printed forms for securing the statistics of our Young People's Societies, provided the expense does not exceed $20.

3. That each Young People's Society be earnestly requested to make an annual offering to the Synodical Mission Fund, such offering, if possible, not to fall below $2.

The Permanent Committee on Ministerial Relief, through Rev. George C. Yeisley, D. D., presented the following report, which was accepted, and after an address by Elder William H. Hollister, Jr., the recommendations were adopted :

A Scottish friend told me of a notice in the Want Column of a British paper, which read, "Wanted, a horse to do the work of a country minister." Doubtless such a horse was secured, and possibly continued in his useful services until old age compelled their discontinuance. Then let us suppose that the frugal and impecunious country minister, having no further use for his venerable assistant, turned him loose to gather, with halting steps, such scant sustenance as the common highway might afford. Would not such cruel conduct at the Manse have created speedily and justly a vacancy in the pulpit? But wherein is a horse better than a minister. The man who for years has faithfully served a parish grows old. Increasing years bring increasing infirmities. The old minister must go. The interests of religion demand it! The people care not to, perhaps cannot, engage a helper. The minister resigns his charge and its emoluments. His stipend has never been sufficient to enable him to lay up much treasure upon earth, and his celestial

assets are not as yet available. So the aged servant of the Master goes forth from the Manse to gather on the hard and dusty highway of humanity's generic sympathies the support of his declining years; and who calls the parish cruel and unjust thus to deal with its worn-out minister?

The Board of Ministerial Relief is organized to meet the needs of such sufferers. It has just completed a half-century of service to the aged and infirm ministers of the Church, and the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen. It is a ministry that the angels of God have rejoiced over, almost as much, we think, as over the sinners that have repented under the ministrations of its beneficiaries. Steadily the good cause has grown in the affections and support of God's people. In the year 1850 the total receipts of its treasury were $473. Last year they were $185,513. With this sum 347 ministers were cared for; 120 of these were honorably retired, the average period of service being 45 years, and the average age of this company of veterans in the Lord's army about 79 years. In addition, 475 widows and 26 orphan families were aided. Of the beneficiaries of this fund 43 died last year. No Board of out great Church is more wisely and economically conducted, and during the fifty years of its beneficent service not a cent of its funds has been lost.

During the past fiscal year 562 churches of this Synod contributed over $21,000 to this object, and 315 failed to make any contribution. It is unjust to the people of these churches, and a failure in high duty and holy privilege, for their ministers and elders not to have given them an opportunity of aiding so sacred a cause. In the Synod of Pennsylvania only 192 of her 1,077 churches failed to contribute to this Board, and the total gifts were $22,768. Ours should be the banner Synod of the Church, and would be if every church lived up to the work. Of the $21,000 contributed by the Synod, $19,853 were returned to applicants recommended by the Presbyteries. Of those aided within our bounds the widows and orphans of departed ministers compose a large proportion. It is recommended:

1. That every church within our bounds be enjoined to make one collection during the year for the Board of Ministerial Relief.

2. That every minister in active service be requested to preach at least once during the year on the duty of the Church to those who minister to her in holy things.

The Permanent Committee on Ministerial Education presented the following report, which was accepted, and an address was made by Rev. Theodore S. Wynkoop, D. D.:

There is always danger that people will take mere hearsay for truth. The thoughtless cry of "too many ministers," has served to divert the attention of our Church in no small degree from the Saviour's exhortation to pray for an increase of laborers; and the consequences may be very serious before long. Our Church is at this moment face to face with the fact of an increasing demand for ministers and a decreasing supply.

Due to the hard times of the past few years, now happily gone by, our Missionary Boards have been adding but few to the number sent out, while

losses by death and retirement have continued; and now, relieved from the pressure of heavy debts, they are able to send missionaries in increasing numbers. These same hard times also pressed many who, on account of age or infirmities or lack of adaptation to the pastorate had practically given up active work in the ministry, back into service, or into candidacy for vacancies. This gave only a seeming or temporary addition to the number of available men. Then, too, the tendency toward plural pastorates, through associate, assistant, or other additional ministers in many of our stronger churches, is making a large demand for young seminary graduates and others, thus greatly increasing the number of men needed and reducing the number available in other directions.

In the face of this increasing demand, we see a rapidly diminishing source of supply. In 1895 the Board of Education had under its care 1,032 students for the ministry. In 1896 it had 1,037. But in 1898 it had only 814, a falling off 223. In 1899 the number enrolled by the Board was 745, or 69 less than in 1898, and the number is still further reduced for the year 1899–1900. Thus is shown a falling off of fully 33⅓ per cent. in three or four years. The ratio of decline in the total number of candidates is fully as large, while the number of ministers coming to us from other denominations in the same period as fallen off one-half. Five years ago, when the number of candidates was 1,434, we received 105 ministers from other denominations. To-day, when the number of candidates is more than 300 less, the number of ministers received from other denominations is but fifty-seven.

The question deserves careful study why, when the country is increasing rapidly in population, and the openings for missionary operations abroad have multiplied to an amazing extent, the number of candidates for the ministry suffers so serious a decline, all the more striking from the contrast it affords with the decided increase in the number of students in other departments of education. In the decade ending 1897 students in dental schools of the United States had increased 284 per cent., in law schools 228 per cent., in medical schools 108 per cent., and in schools of theology of all denominations only 30 per cent. We doubt not that the main reason is the erroneous impression that there are too many ministers, and a consequent loss of interest in the matter on the part of ministers, elders and congregations.

The fear lest the Church's system of scholarship aid may result in unduly multiplying the number of ministers is groundless. The population of the country, the members of the Church, and opportunities for missionary work have all increased more rapidly in proportion than the ministry. While helping the worthy, the Church's system through the Board of Education is indeed largely one of restriction ; a means of guarding the entrance to the ministry from the unfit, and of eliminating from the number of candidates those who give evidence that they are seeking the holy office without a divine call. It requires of every candidate undoubted piety, a clear call of God, respectable talents, full collegiate and theological courses of study, and zealous efforts toward self-support. In view of the fact that about two-thirds of all our ministers have availed themselves of the help of the Board, and these averaging among the best in the Church, it seems the poorest possible policy to

permit ourselves to grow lukewarm in our regard for an agency that lies at the very foundation of the sufficiency and efficiency of our ministry, and strength as a church of Christ.

The affairs of the Board have been conducted with care. It lives within its income. But it has been compelled by this policy to make the amount of scholarship aid smaller than it should be for the attainment of the best results. Its income is utterly inadequate for the all-important task committed to its care. Is not the recent decline in the number of men offering themselves for the ministry an admonition to the Church to increase her zeal in praying for, and seeking to find, suitable candidates, and in making adequate provision for their proper training under the direction of the Church?

The Committee on Judicial Business reported the following recommendations, which were adopted:

Judicial Case No. 1. An appeal and complaint of Rev. James G. Patterson, D. D., against the Presbytery of New York. The Committee finds the papers in order, and recommends that the case be referred to a Judicial Commission consisting of six Ministers and six Elders, to be appointed by the Moderator.

Judicial Case No. 2. The Committee having examined the action of the last Assembly, and the papers in the Warszawiak case, recommends that the case be submitted to a Judicial Commission, in accordance with the directions of the General Assembly, to consist of seven Ministers and six Elders, appointed by the Moderator.

Addresses in behalf of the Board of Missions for Freedmen were made by Rev. Samuel T. Clarke, and Rev. Edward P. Cowan, D. D., Secretary of the Board.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 18, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Permanent Committee on Home Missions, through Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, presented the following report, which was accepted, and an address was made by Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D.:

The contributions made by this Synod during the year 1898–9 are larger than those of the preceding year by some $14,000 from the churches for what

is called "Evangelization," and about $10,000 more from all sources. In some respects this increase is gratifying. When we add to it about $28,000 given for synodical sustentation, (which figures include the most fruitful end of one and beginning of another synodical year), the net increase is about $38,000. Adding together the amounts given to Home Missions and Synodical Missions, we have a total from all sources, according to the official reports, of $175,500, the largest amount contributed through these channels during any of the last eight years and equal to the amount given ten years ago.

So far there is encouragement. We know there is money for national mission work and that people are willing to give. But we remember that during this last year a really stupendous effort was made to free the Board from debt, and that of our $175,000, certainly $30,000 came for this special purpose. New York Presbytery alone gave $16,000 against the debt. What the Synod would have done without the painful and shameful stimulus of the debt we cannot say; but it would appear that the contributions might have been no larger than last year. The query at once suggests itself, "Is the debt paid?" What debt? Merely the debt to bankers and merchants? Is the debt we owe to our country paid? Not yet, no, not yet! Rejoice, if you will, that the neglected obligations of the past are in some fashion paid, but talk not of our having paid the debt. When one contemplates this debt and the statistics from our churches the impression is most painful. What are some of our Presbyteries and churches doing? What are Syracuse City and Presbytery doing, giving through its church contribution only $1,158? What is Buffalo doing, giving only $2,555? What is Utica doing, giving $1,898? What are some other of our Presbyteries doing? Many churches do not give a cent a week per member for Home Missions. One-half a cent a week per member to save the great West from the evils of Mormonism, of anarchy, of devildom!

Your Committee can at present do nothing more than urge that each pastor and elder see that not less than one cent a week (fifty cents a year,) comes from each member, or in that proportion from the church. We urge the securing of subscriptions from each member of every congregation as the most fruitful way of securing money, and that prayer be continually made for our country.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions, through Rev. J. Balcom Shaw, D. D., presented its report, which was accepted, and after an address by Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., the recommendations were adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee comes to you in encouragement and hopefulness. The fact that our Foreign Board reported a surplus at the last meeting of the Assembly, is in itself a sufficient cause for thanksgiving. Our Synod had no small part in this achievement. Not only did we initiate the movement which led to freeing the Board from debt and setting it upon the road to returning prosperity, but our churches contributed nearly one-fourth of the entire amount raised for this purpose. It is, therefore, but natural that we should

share in the joy of the Church, and desire to record our gratitude to its great Head for so signal a mark of His favor. This recent liberality has enabled the Board to appoint fifty-nine new missionaries, the largest number ever sent out in a single year by our church, and also to vote a slight increase in the appropriations granted the several stations; thus in a measure, though far too small, undoing the harm done to the work, and relieving the hardships put upon the missionaries by the severe cut of the previous year.

Through the initiative of one of the churches of our Synod, the Board has entered the Philippines, thus giving the Presbyterian Church the distinction of having been first upon the ground in this new American Colony. Four missionaries are now at work in that field, and plans are making for the erection of necessary buildings as soon as pending hostilities cease.

The year that now closes has been one of less organization than usual; but quite as much practical and effective work has been done as in any previous year. Correspondence with the Presbyterial Committees has been kept up, though often in the face of discouraging indifference, not to say indignity. Many of the committees of our Presbyteries are either unaware of their relation to this permanent agency of the Synod, or else are singularly wanting in the grace of Christian courtesy. No language seems to us too strong to use at this point.

The Committee has filled all requests for speakers, its members in some cases traveling to distant points in the Synod to deliver addresses. We have continued itinerary work by the student volunteers of our theological seminaries. Two have been under employ a part of the year, and their work upon the whole has been satisfactory. In the conduct of these visitations we have had the coöperation of the Women's Board, and acknowledge our indebtedness to it for somewhat of our success. These young men, Mr. Arthur J. Wyman and Mr. A. S. Van Norden, Jr., whose faithfulness cannot be too highly commended, spent ordinarily a half week with each church, addressing the congregation, the Sunday School, and the Society of Christian Endeavor on Sunday, and the prayer service of the week, and holding a conference of all those engaged in the Foreign Mission activities of the Church. Missionary libraries were also introduced into many of the Sunday Schools, thus opening streams of interest and influence that will continue to flow for years to come. These Volunteers visited 60 churches, made 87 addresses, and conducted 49 missionary conferences.

Owing, however, to the separations and interruptions incident to the summer, the only time when these young men, as a rule, are free, it seems scarcely wise to continue this work another year. We would not have this construed as a lack of sympathy with the Student Volunteer Movement; nor are we certain that this work would not prove as fruitful as any other that might be organized if it could be put into another season of the year. Our hope is that some plan may be formed whereby the committee may use these devoted young men during those months when the churches are in full operation. It is our intention to arrange a schedule of Presbyterial Visitations by missionaries at home on furlough. This plan has proved most useful in the past, bringing

the churches and the missionaries into personal and vital relations with each other.

Your Committee feels the need of a change of accent in our Foreign Mission work. Have we not put too much dependence upon material instrumentality and method? Organization is an overgrown word in our ecclesiastical dictionary. We have talked about the need of money as if it were the chief essential, and, as a result, the breath of present-day commercialism has blighted even this, the most spiritual work of the church. Must not we, who are the leaders, strike a different keynote? "My people shall be willing in the day of my power," easily transposes itself into "The day of my power shall be the day of my people's willingness." Our fundamental lack is not gold, but grace; not larger financial endowment, but richer spiritual enduement. A great revival this winter would push the work farther forward than all the machinery of the church, were it to run a century without stopping. Let us press this truth home, taking our trust from off the almighty dollar and putting it upon the Almighty Spirit. "Have faith in God," is the watchword we give you. Will not everyone who loves the Kingdom not only adopt it for himself, but help to pass it on and and out to the churches?

We have elected Mr. John Stewart, of New York, to fill a vacancy. The Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, a valued and faithful colleague, has removed from the bounds of the Synod, and Mr. James Yereance, who has served the Committee with rare fidelity for seven years, five as its treasurer, has also asked leave to retire. We recommend:

1. That Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden, the successor of Mr. Smith in the pastorate, be made his successor on this Committee; that the second vacancy be filled by Mr. Charles W. Hand, of Brooklyn, the Treasurer of the Foreign Board; and that the selection of Mr. Edmund P. Platt as Treasurer be ratified.

2. That the Synod address to all Presbyteries, Presbyterial Committees, pastors, and societies under its care, a call to prayer, and remind all leaders in the work of their need of absolute dependence upon the Spirit of God.

3. That the Committee's plan of work for the opening year be approved, and that Committees of Presbyteries and pastors of churches be enjoined to give the Committee their loyal and practical co-operation.

The Moderator appointed the following Judicial Commissions:

In Case No. 1. Ministers—David F. Bonner, Edward M. Deems, Charles P. Coit, Arthur J. Waugh, William F. Skinner, Edward Scofield. Elders—William J. Donovan, Edwin G. Moore, Aaron C. Rippey, William H. Kent, Orange W. Dodge, Edward N. Dauchy.

In Case No. 2. Ministers—Alfonso R. Olney, Charles S. Dewing, Dana W. Bigelow, James A. McGowan, L. Merrill Miller, Samuel T. Clarke, A. Cameron MacKenzie. Elders—William H. Hollister, Jr., Walter A. Tuttle,

Franklin S. Stebbins, James Mead, Mallory D. Schoonmaker, William W. Smith.

Adjourned until Thursday at eight o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 19, 8 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

The Rev. Henry H. George, D. D., of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The report of the Treasurer of Synodical Missions was presented and accepted, and the accounts were referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Elders Rush Taggart and Miles B. McNair. The report is as follows :

In the Presbyteries which have coöperated during the past year under the plan adopted, there are 563 churches. Of these 439 have made contributions to the fund for aiding our weak churches, a much larger proportion than in the previous year. Other Presbyteries, not in active coöperation under the plan, have given small sums from individual churches, Westchester and Hudson have contributed as Presbyteries, and Buffalo and Cayuga have contributed towards the salary of the Superintendent. A statement of such contributions by Presbyteries and by churches accompanies this report. The aggregate of these donations is $18,019.79, which, with a balance in the treasury, October 1, 1898, of $7,139.34, gave the Committee the sum of $25,159.13 for use during the year.

The Committee, by your direction, has paid to the Board of Home Missions $1,000.00; has paid all commissions in full to August, 1899, making four payments during the fiscal year, amounting to $20,253.54; has paid the salary of the Superintendent and expenses of the Permanent and Executive Committees and the Treasurer, $1,721.69; and has in the treasury, October 1, 1899, $2,183.90 towards the amount needed for payment of salaries due November first next, to meet which will require about $5,200. The Board of

Home Missions has kindly come to the relief of the Committee, and made it a loan of $3,000 to meet these payments. The receipts of the year have not been sufficient to meet the disbursements; and if we had not had a large balance at the beginning of the year we should not have been able to do so.

It will be seen, therefore, that to pay the salaries already in commission, during the year to come, the churches must add to last year's contributions at least $9,000 before it can in any way increase the burdens of the Committee.

In addition to the above figures, New York Presbytery reports having raised and expended in its own field $8,894, and Cayuga $1,412.35. No reports have been received from other Presbyteries.

The Superintendent of Synodical Missions presented the following report, which was accepted:

This being the first full year of service, the magnitude of the work in our State will appear to every mind. A great field of usefulness lies at our very door. Some of the Presbyteries are working under plans somewhat different from the Synodical idea. But all have aided the Superintendent in securing the details necessary to complete his report. Only one Presbytery fails to be represented in this report, Buffalo, whose reports have not yet come to hand. In a few cases it has been necessary to approximate some of the details where returns have been incomplete.

During the year 123 Commissions have been issued by the Synodical Committee in 20 different Presbyteries. Seven more Missionaries are laboring in the Presbytery of Cayuga, nine in Hudson, and five in Syracuse. It is supposed that nine are laboring in the Presbytery of Buffalo.

The following statement summarizes the year's work:

Missionaries reporting	144	Number of Sabbath Schools	167
Pastors	63	Number of Sabbath Schools organized	8
Stated supplies	81	Membership of Sabbath Schools	14,807
Churches served	166	Membership of Society of Christian Endeavor	4,252
Stations supplied at regular intervals	71	Church edifices (value $539,750)	163
Annual amount granted	$32,113	Church edifices built during the year (at cost of $8,000)	4
Amount decrease possible	$705	Church edifices repaired (at cost of $3,975)	27
Additions on profession of faith	637	Church debts cancelled	$5,065
Additions by certificate	261	Number of Manses (value $122,825)	89
Total Members	10,479		
Total average attendance	10,799		
Baptism, adults	258		
Baptism, infants	429		

During the year the church of Belmont has become self-sustaining. Fairhaven expects to care for itself after January 1. A few churches have been built and several have been completed and dedicated, among which are Redfield, Stark and Sterling Pond. A chapel has been built at Stephentown. A large number of churches have been repaired and enlarged; others have been relieved of burdensome debts. Some need more appliances for doing the best service. A Manse would be a boon to several churches, and others need a chapel or an organ. Several are pleading for earnest, consecrated men of God, as pastors. More devotion of men and means to the Master's service, is

the cry of others. And from every quarter comes the touching prayer for the Holy Spirit, enforcing the principles of the gospel, that Christians may be quickened to new zeal, and the careless and neglected brought into the Kingdom. May not this common appeal signify that the times of refreshing may be at hand, and that the Lord is prompting the prayers of his people, when He is about to fill their hands with blessings?

An effort during the summer to furnish some leading places of resort with church services, was crowned with success. The Ministers and Elders of our dependent churches are doing noble service in their several spheres, building up the waste places, strengthening the things that remain in so many declining villages and hamlets, and fitting the young people for usefulness in the larger fields to which they will so soon be called.

The following items of personal service are mentioned:

Visits to Congregations	72	Presbyteries visited	8
Sermons and Addresses	145	Letters written	1,435
Lord's Supper administered	6	Miles traveled	12,490
Baptisms	16	Salary and expenses	$1,255.15
Members received on profession	9		

The Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions presented its report, of which the following is an abstract. The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

The second year of self-support in its Home Mission Work by the Synod has closed, and we feel much encouraged in outlining the present situation. One year ago our Treasurer had in hand $7,139.34. Of this balance the Synod directed him to pay to the Board of Home Missions $1,000 in partial recognition of the Board's sympathetic co-operation with the Synod in continuing to pay, during the first year, the accruing salaries and commissions which were expiring from time to time in 1898. This reduced the actual balance to $6,139.34. With this explanation we may summarize the financial facts as follows:

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1898		$ 7,139.34
Receipts for year ending Sept. 30, 1899		18,019.74
Total		$25,159.13
Refunded to Home Board	$1,000.00	
Missionaries' Salaries in full, Salary of Supt., and Administration Expenses	21,975.23	
Total disbursements		22,975.23
Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1899		$ 2,183.90

which is all that is available to pay the salaries due on the first of November next, amounting to about $5,200. There is, therefore, practically a deficit for the year of $3,016.10, to cover which the Treasurer has been authorized to apply to the Board for a loan of $3,000, which the Finance Committee of the Board promised it would be willing to place at our disposal as a loan during the second year of our attempt at self-support. This, of course, will have to be repaid. We have definite assurance, however, of a contribution from a

large city Church, which will go far towards wiping out this indebtedness. In spite of this deficit of $3,000, there are certain facts which should be noted for our encouragement:

1. We have raised nearly $4,000 more for Synodical Missions during the second year of the new plan than during the previous one; and the force of this statement is very little broken by the counter fact that during the first year we had only 10 months in which to solicit offerings. In the circumstances, we could have raised very little more had we begun our efforts November 1, 1897, instead of January 1, 1898. The encouraging fact remains, that though we have fallen short of what we need, we are considerably nearer the mark than we were this time last year.

2. Out of 563 Churches in those Presbyteries that have complied literally with the provisions of the Plan, 439 have contributed to the Synodical fund. This is an increase of about 100 over last year's record *in the same Presbyteries* —a notable sign of progress, big with possibilities. Such a broadening of our constituency, indicates a growing conviction that New York should support its own Churches. Great credit should also be given to the weaker Churches for the way in which they have evidently strained every nerve to give the full quota asked of them. If *all* the stronger Churches in the larger cities had done proportionately as well, a surplus instead of deficit could be reported.

We call attention to such Presbyteries as actually contributed more than was asked of them by the Synod. They are as follows:

Binghamton was asked to raise	$937.95;	gave	$1,089.74
Geneva was asked to raise	840.17;	gave	961.06
St. Lawrence was asked to raise	782.67;	gave	787.20
Steuben was asked to raise	654.19;	gave	683.10

Honorable mention ought to be made of certain other Presbyteries that have conceived it to be their duty to expend directly upon their own fields whatever money they raised, without recourse to the Synodical machinery. We mention these not only as an act of justice, but because no account of "Home Missionary" work in New York State would be complete without these supplementary facts. They are but additional proofs that we are steadily approaching that habit of local self-support which is the essential principle of the "Synodical Plan." The figures given are approximately correct:

	Expended on its local work.	Contributed in addition to Synodical Treasury.
Buffalo	$3,500.00	$75.00
Cayuga	1,100.00	75.00
Hudson	1,100,00	110.00
New York	8,894.00	1,244.43
Westchester	850.00	850.00

As far as the underlying purpose of the plan is concerned, namely, to relieve the Board of Home Missions from the burden of the support of Home Mission work within the bounds of the State of New York, ALL the Presbyteries are working harmoniously and energetically, and have already accomplished that result. With the single exception of the work among the Indians

the Home Mission work within the State has been entirely lifted from the shoulders of the Board. When it is remembered that in other Synods absolute self-support has been reached only after several years' effort, we cannot too strongly emphasize the encouragement to be derived from the fact that at the end of the second year of the new plan we have so nearly reached the goal.

We must, however, call attention to the fact that no farther loans may be expected from the Board. We have, therefore, the greater right to appeal to the Presbyteries, that, without abating their interest in the national work, they first of all take care of their own. We are confident that such a priority given to the work in New York will not decrease, but will rather increase, the amounts given to the national work. Such has been the experience in New Jersey, and such has already begun to be the experience in New York. The amount given to the Board from the Synod for the year ending April 1, 1899, exceeded the amount for the year ending April 1, 1898, by $11,142.74.

The following approximate statement is submitted:

Total amount needed in the various Presbyteries	$38,520.00
Superintendent's Salary and Administration Expenses, about	1,800.00
	$40,320.00
Plus amount needed to pay debt to Home Board	3,000.00
Total amount required	$43,320.00
Less amounts to be raised and expended directly by Buffalo, Cayuga, Hudson, Syyacuse, and Westchester	8,800.00
Net amount to be raised for the Synodical Treasury	$34,520.00

Thus, to pay our indebtedness and meet the demand of the enlarged Missionary work, the Churches, as a whole, must give over $15,000 more during the coming year than in the past. But the total amount apportioned to be raised in each Presbytery will probably be substantially the same as last year. Your Committee recommends:

1. That Churches make an earnest effort to send their contributions to the Synodical Treasurer within the next few months—if possible by January 1, 1900—and especially that they send them in as soon as they are collected.

2. That Presbyterial Committees make strenuous efforts to urge their dependent Churches to the level of self-support. There ought to be an honor roll each year of several churches that have reached that dignity during the year.

3. That the Synod, in view of the steady progress toward absolute self-support made during the first two years of the plan, hereby expresses its confidence in the ultimate and thorough success of this effort on the part of New York to provide for its own Home Mission work, and renews its cordial approval of the essential principles of the plan of Synodical self-support, and recommends that the work be continued along the lines of the plan as it now stands, with provisions for such normal and legitimate increase as called for in the estimates given by the various Presbyteries.

4. That the Executive Committee be authorized to continue appropriations for all work at present aided under this Plan—provided, of course, such work still has the proper Presbyterial approval—and, in its discretion, to grant such additional aid as the funds in hand may from time to time warrant on the basis of the approximate estimate of the amounts needed in the various Presbyteries.

In order to urge dependent churches towards self-support, it was

Resolved, That, before recommending any church for aid, under the Plan of Synodical Home Missions, every Presbytery be urged to secure from such church a complete list of the members of the congregation, together with the amounts they will agree to contribute toward the salary of the Pastor or Stated Supply, written opposite their respective names—or to require a reasonable explanation why such list cannot be procured.

The following statement was also adopted:

In view of the large obligations it has assumed in proposing to care for the weak churches within its bounds, the Synod of New York desires, in justice to its own work, to record the facts and principles which, in its judgment, should govern the action of individual churches when they come to determine the amounts they shall give to Synodical Missions, viz.:

1. New York State has voluntarily assumed the support of its own work, and has thereby proportionately relieved the Home Board. Synodical Missions is, therefore, not a new and extra cause that should be compelled to fight its way to full recognition by the churches, but is simply a sub-division of Home Missions.

2. If New York does not take care of its own weak churches, no one else will. It cannot call upon New Jersey, Pennsylvania, or Ohio to help it.

3. We have, by the action of Synod, deliberately forbidden the weak churches of New York State to apply to the Home Board. We have thus cut them off from all sources of assistance, save what may come to them from the stronger churches of their own State. We must, therefore, by the logic of our own action, and in justice to these dependent churches, make sure that we take care of such as are of our own Synodical household of faith. Hence

4. New York must give a real priority to its own work, in the sense of first giving what is needed for that work, even at the risk, for the time being, of decreasing proportionately what used to be given to Home Missions when the Home Board had the burden of this work in New York State.

5. The mighty enterprises of National Home Missions and Foreign Missions still have their imperial and imperious claims upon our generosity. These things we must do, indeed; but we must not leave this other thing, Synodical Missions, undone.

6. We therefore urge individual churches to make it their duty, first of all, to give to Synodical Missions the full amounts asked of them by their re-

spective Presbyterial Committees; and then, after these pressing claims of the work at our own doors are met, to redouble their efforts to make the offerings as large as possible for the missionary work outside of the State and throughout the world. From the experience of the Synod of New Jersey we are convinced that such a policy will result in ultimately increasing the amounts given to Home Missions.

The Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D., was re-appointed Superintendent of Synodical Missions for the ensuing year.

The appointment of a Treasurer of Synodical Missions, in place of Albert P. Stevens, Esq., resigned, was referred, with power, to the Executive Committee.

The Synod, by a rising vote, expressed its thanks to the Treasurer, Albert P. Stevens, Esq., for his faithful and efficient services during the past two years.

The Rev. Messrs. L. Merrill Miller and Richard D. Harlan, and Elder William H. Hollister, Jr., were appointed a Committee to nominate five Elders to serve on the Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions.

The Permanent Committee was authorized to make the apportionment among the Presbyteries for the ensuing year, as provided by Article XII of the Plan.

The Visitors to the New York University presented the following report, which was accepted :

Your Committee met at University Heights, May 10, 1899, and was cordially received by the Chancellor, Dr. MacCracken. It visited the new Hall of Science, the Library, the Gymnasium, and the Greek, Latin, English Literature, Engineering, and other departments.

The Committee congratulates the University authorities on the rapid development of the institution and its present prosperous condition; and the Synod on the fact that so noble an institution exists within its bounds, to which parents may send their sons with the assurance that they will be under able teachers and Christian influence.

The Examiners of Elmira College presented the following report, which, after an address by President A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D., was accepted :

During the past year your Examiners visited Elmira College three times. They are pleased to report a continuation of the prosperity which began three years ago, when the presidency was assumed by Dr. MacKenzie.

During the year the faculty has been strengthened by the addition of three

instructors. Ex-President Cowles and Prof. Ford, who have served the college many years with conspicuous ability, were made Professors Emeritus, on as large salaries as could be afforded, and with warmest expressions of appreciation. It would be a graceful and appropriate act if the friends of the college and of these noble men would create a fund for their more generous remuneration.

Your Committee went over the college grounds and buildings, and found them ample, convenient and comfortable. But the laboratory is greatly in need of modern apparatus, and the main building requires an expenditure of about $15,000, in order to make it harmonize with the beautiful modern Gillett Memorial Music Hall, and bring it in line with Elmira's growth in other respects.

During the past year the curriculum has been improved and the standard raised, especially in entrance examinations and in the scientific department. But the most striking progress has been in the number of students. The Freshman Class, about 60 in number, is the largest that ever entered the college, and more than twice as large as the average in the past. This notable increase is largely due to the efforts of friends of the college, but especially to the personal work of the President.

Your Examiners were delighted with the work done in the class-rooms both by professors and students, to whom we extended the hearty commendations and good wishes of the Synod.

Elmira's great need is money. None of the Chairs are endowed, and professors are paid from the current income from tuition fees. The $100,000 recently raised paid past bills, and is a fund that can be used in paying current expenses. As soon as our great and wealthy Synod comes to appreciate that Elmira college is located at the geographical centre of the greatest cities of our country, and has grounds unexcelled for health and beauty, and gives her the money she needs for teachers and buildings, just so soon will this, the oldest college of its kind in the world for women, become the best among the leading Colleges of America.

The following resolutions were adopted :

1. That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the President of Elmira College for his faithful labors in increasing the Endowment and also the attendance, in so marked a degree ; and to the trustees of the College for their unfailing devotion to its interests, and their generous gifts.

2. That the Synod heartily commends Elmira College to parents seeking for their daughters an institution of learning where a high standard of education is maintained, and where a high order of Christian character is developed.

3. That in view of the needs of the College, the Rev. Messrs. David B. McMurdy, and Henry T. McEwen, and Elders Horace Briggs, Franklin S. Stebbins, and H. Edwards Rowland, be appointed to nominate a State Committee to coöperate with the President in providing for these needs.

The exceptions taken in 1898 to the Records of the Presbytery of Albany were referred to the Committee on Judicial Business, to inquire whether such exceptions were wrongly taken, and if so to recommend a remedy.

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted.

[In the hands of the Committee, and not forwarded in time for the press.]

The Committee to nominate Trustees of the Synod and Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College, reported, and the following persons recommended were duly elected by ballot, to serve until 1902:

Trustees of the Synod: Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., Rev. David G. Wylie, D. D., William A. Wheelock, John J. McCook.

Trustees of Elmira College: Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D., Rev. Isaac Jennings, D. D., Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D., Mallory D. Schoonmaker, H. Austin Clark, Hubert C. Mandeville, Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams.

Examiners: Rev. James Gardner, D. D., Rev. Peter R. Ross, Prof. Ezra J. Peck.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted:

The Committee calls attention to the following items:

1. That the Minutes of the Synod were approved without exception.

2. P. 95: That the judgment of the Synod in the case of the Rev. Charles S. Lane and others was sustained.

3. P. 112: That the Synod's judgment in the case of Herman Warszaviak was reversed in part. The matter being now in the hands of a judicial commission of the Synod, no recommendation seems called for from the Committee.

4. That the Assembly urges all pastors to preach on Sabbath Observance on some Sunday of October, and either upon that day, or a Sabbath more convenient, to take an offering for the work of the American Sabbath Union. Inasmuch as there is no permanent Committee of the Synod to which the fulfilment of such recommendations may be committed, we recommend that a permanent Committee on Sabbath Observance be constituted as follows:

Ministers—William P. Swartz, George T. Berry, John A. Ingham; *Elders*—Rush Taggart and William W. Smith.

5. We also call attention to the action organizing the Presbyteries of Yukon and Nanking, to its attitude on the question of international peace, the encroachments of polygamy, and the maintenance of religious freedom in the administration of our Army, and record our satisfaction at such evidences of the healthy moral and patriotic temper of the Church, and its steady geographical expansion.

The Committee on the place of the next meeting reported a cordial invitation from the First Church of Geneva, with the hearty concurrence of the North Church.

The invitation was accepted with the thanks of the Synod, and the Sessions of the Churches in Geneva were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Home Missions, Rev. Richard B. Dilworth was commended to the Presbyteries, with a view to his addressing the Churches on Home Missionary work.

The following minute was adopted:

Whereas, The people of the United States, believing that the marriage relation can exist properly and decently between only one man and one woman at the same time, have, through their representatives in Congress, repeatedly expressed their detestation of polygamy by the enactment of laws forbidding its practice in any territory under the exclusive jurisdiction of Congress; and

Whereas, The people of Utah, professing to respect this national sentiment, gave their solemn pledge and promise as a condition of admission into the Union, to forever forbid, both by constitutional provision and appropriate legislation, the practice of polygamy within that State; and

Whereas, The people of Utah have elected to Congress Mr. Brigham H. Roberts, a man who is an avowed and confessed polygamist and an advocate of the practice of polygamy, therefore

Resolved, That the Synod of New York respectfully memorialize the Fifty-sixth Congress when it shall convene:

1. In consistence with its repeated condemnation of polygamy, both by legislation and by expelling a former delegate for that offense, and in the exercise of its constitutional powers, to expel the said Brigham H. Roberts.

2. That Congress submit to the several States an amendment to the Constitution of the United States forbidding the practice of polygamy and polyandry under any pretense whatsoever.

Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., addressed the Synod on "Sabbath Observance in New England."

A recess was taken until two o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

A resolution concerning the Permanent Committees was presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The subject of Sabbath Observance was taken up, and addresses were made by Rev. Israel W. Hathaway, D. D., of the American Sabbath Union, and Rev. William S. Hubbell, D. D., of the New York Sabbath Committee.

The following minute was adopted:

As the conservation of the Christian Sabbath, as a day of rest and worship, is essential to the preservation of the liberties of the American people and all American institutions, inclusive of the American Home, the American Christian Church, and the American Republic,

Resolved, That the Synod respectfully but earnestly urge the Directors of the Pan-American Exposition to be held in Buffalo in 1901 to close the gates of the Exposition every Lord's Day during the continuance of said Exposition.

Resolved, That the Synod has heard with pleasure and profit the addresses of Drs. Kneeland, Hathaway, and Hubbell concerning the work done by the several societies which they represent, for the preservation of the American Sabbath.

Rev. Henry H. George, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the National Reform Association.

The following minute was adopted:

The Synod of New York, recognizing with sorrow and alarm, an increasing tendency toward a lowered regard for the sacredness of the marriage tie, hereby enjoins upon all its ministers absolutely to refuse to marry divorced persons except it be the innocent party, under a divorce granted for reasons duly recognized in the New Testament; and farther urges upon all its ministers, church officers, and members, to use all possible proper means to cultivate a high moral and religious sentiment on this subject in all our communities.

The Committee to Nominate Visitors to Colleges and Seminaries reported, recommending the following appointments, and the recommendations were adopted :

AUBURN SEMINARY : *Ministers*—James H. Robinson, Edward P. Sprague, Dana W. Bigelow, Robert B. Clark, G. Murray Colville, Isaac Jennings ; *Elders*—Douglass H. Greene, Frank E. Crane, William H. Hollister, Jr., Henry W. Conklin.

HAMILTON COLLEGE : *Ministers*—Hector Hall, Samuel Jessup, Nelson Millard, A. Russell Stevenson, William P. Swartz ; *Elders*—J. Theodore Knox, S. Ashley Smith, Spencer Kellogg, Horace B. Silliman.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY : *Ministers*—Charles Beattie, George R. Cutting, Clarence Geddes, Hugh R. Fraser, David B. McMurdy ; *Elders*—Clinton T. Rossiter, Francis Forbes, Sanford R. Knapp, Thomas S. Mount.

Rev. John Fox, D. D., Secretary, addressed the Synod in behalf of the American Bible Society ; and it was

Resolved, That the Synod of New York heartily commends the American Bible Society to the continued confidence and beneficence of its churches, and recommends each Presbytery to appoint a Committee who shall seek to increase the interest and the gifts of our congregations.

Robert R. Simpson, Esq., W. S., the Depute Clerk of the Free Church of Scotland, was introduced by Dr. Hall, and after a cordial welcome addressed the Synod. He was requested to carry back the fraternal and hearty salutations of the Synod to the Free Church of Scotland.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod of New York expresses its earnest disapproval and condemnation of the Sunday newspaper,—as a violation in letter and spirit of the law of God and of the State, and greatly injurious to the religious and moral life of the people, which both church and state are bound to protect and promote.

The report of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions was read and accepted, as follows :

The Society, in presenting its report for 1898–9, would state that sixty teachers are supported wholly or in part by individuals or organizations, which also maintain three hundred and thirty scholarships and shares. During the year the Woman's Board of Missions received from the churches of our Synod $61.60 ; Woman's Home Missionary Societies, $37,364.11 ; Y. P. C. E. Societies, $4,095.54 ; Young Ladies' Societies and Bands, $5,333.44 ; Sabbath Schools, $4,936.56 ; and for Freedmen, $9,054.32. Total, $60,845.47. While this showing is gratifying, it is a matter of regret that the amount received

from all sources is less than reported a year ago. The stress of war, the appeal to one's sympathies and help in connection with the Red Cross, and other patriotic movements, may have lessened gifts, but it is no less a cause for sorrow that we are again obliged to record a diminution. There are some things, however, from which rejoicing and encouragement are derived. The Churches, giving through the Woman's Board, have increased their contributions, Christian Endeavor Societies have made an advance from $2,852.63 in 1897–8 to $4.095.54 in 1898–9, and donations to the Freedmen are larger than they were a year ago.

Boxes and packages valued at $31,540.90 have done a good and beneficent work. Presidents and officers of Presbyterial Societies, Superintendents of Sabbath Schools, leaders of Endeavor Societies and Bands, with the members of all our various organizations, are becoming more and more imbued with a true missionary spirit. They are in earnest. And we cannot but hope, believe, and pray, that the much sowing will bring forth a more abundant harvest another year, to God's glory and for the evangelization and Christianization of our land, so dear to the hearts of us all.

The following minute was adopted :

The Synod, believing that it would be a great benefit to the Christian life and liberal giving of the churches within its bounds, hereby suggests to the Committee of Arrangements for 1900 to assign an hour in the programme of that meeting for the consideration of the duty of consecrating all our money to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Visitors convened at Auburn, May 9, 1899, inspected the buildings, held interviews with members of the Faculty, attended the examinations, and participated in the public anniversary exercises.

They found the Seminary in a very satisfactory condition. The sudden death, in March last, of the Rev. Henry M. Booth, D. D., LL.D., the beloved President of the institution, is a very great loss. But his departure left, not so much a sense of gloom, as a very tender spirit among the Faculty and students, as they called to mind his eminent purity and beauty of character, and his conspicuous services to the Seminary. It is gratifying that a successor to Dr. Booth was found in the unanimous choice of the Rev. George Black Stewart, D. D., himself an alumnus of the institution.

The Faculty are devoted to their work. Each member in his department is inspiring the students to faithful study. Extra labor was laid upon the professors by the death of President Booth, but they bore the burden unselfishly. It is evident, however, to your Committee that it is not only desirable but necessary that the teaching force in the Seminary should be increased, if Auburn is to keep pace with the other similar institutions in our Church. It should also be said that there is imperative need for the increase of the endowment of the Seminary. Values have shrunk. The present endow-

ment is not as productive as formerly. There is need for not less than $150,000 additional for the general purposes of the Seminary.

A commendable step has recently been taken by the Faculty. Hereafter it will be demanded that candidates for admission who are not college graduates shall pass such an examination as shall show that they are fitted to take up properly the studies of the Seminary course. This will be fairer and better for the applicants themselves, for the Seminary, and for the Church at large, than the method that has prevailed, of a prolonged trial, ending, in too many cases, in disappointing failure.

The general spiritual tone of the student body has been represented to us as good. A year ago the Society of Missionary Inquiry was merged into a Young Men's Christian Association. The main object was that it might become affiliated with the World's Student Christian Federation. A notable event of the anniversary exercises this year was the stirring and eloquent address of the Rev. Dr. George F. Pentecost before this association, on Christian Imperialism.

The material equipment of the Seminary is in fine condition. The student-rooms in Morgan Hall are commodious and comfortable. There are no finer recitation-rooms in any Seminary than those in Welch Hall. Our report then is one of commendation. We ask this venerable body to hold the Auburn Theological Seminary in high esteem, and to extend to it whatever aid lies in the power of Synod.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following Elders were appointed members of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions: William H. Hollister, Jr., Ezra P. Hoyt, Rufus L. Sisson, Horace B. Silliman, Albert P. Stevens.

The Committee to collate the reports on Presbyterial Records recommended the approval of the minutes of the following Presbyteries without exception: Albany, Binghamton, Boston, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Eastern Persia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, New York, Niagara, North Laos, North River, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Troy, and Westchester; and the recommendation was adopted.

The Committee also recommended that the Records of the Presbytery of Cayuga be approved, with the exception that in the minutes of the stated meeting, Sept. 26, 1899, no mention is made of ministers absent, or churches unrepresented; and the recommendation was adopted.

On the farther recommendation of the Committee, the Stated Clerk was instructed to express to Rev. Lewis F. Esselstyn, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Eastern Persia, the sympathy of the

Synod with him, and with the Presbytery, in the troubles which have beset them, and the hope and prayer of the Synod that the Teheran Church will speedily be brought into a more encouraging condition.

Action on the Records of the Presbytery of Utica was deferred; and the Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks were appointed a Committee to report next year whether the action recorded on p. 23 is regular.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Chile, Rochester, Siam, and Syracuse were not presented.

A resolution from the Presbytery of Westchester relating to forms of worship was referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported that it had examined the exceptions taken to the Minutes of the Presbytery of Albany, in 1898, and found the first and third exceptions to be errors in law, and the second an error in fact. And it recommends that the Stated Clerk of the Synod be directed to apply to the next General Assembly for permission to correct the Synod's record in the matter. The report was adopted.

After a statement and appeal by the Stated Clerk in behalf of the "Assembly Herald," it was

Resolved, That the Synod of New York heartily endorses the "Assembly Herald," and urges its pastors and elders to take steps to secure its circulation throughout our congregations.

The Committee on the Synodical Congress presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee has complied with the direction of the Synod last year, and prepared a programme of appointments which is of the nature of a Congress in the general interests of Church work. It recommends as the Committee for the next Congress, to be held with the meeting of Synod, Rev. Henry T. McEwen, Chairman, representing the Board of Aid for Colleges, in place of Rev. E. Huntting Rudd, resigned; Rev. Gerard B. F. Hallock, Secretary; Rev. C. Alexander Richmond, Treasurer; Rev. Wilton Merle Smith, representing Sabbath School Work, in place of Rev. A. Woodruff Halsey, resigned; and Rev. Messrs. J. Balcom Shaw, George C. Yeisley, Edward M. Deems, Samuel T. Clarke, Allen Macy Dulles, Martin D. Kneeland, and L. Merrill Miller.

The following minute was adopted:

1. The Synod hereby approves of the plan of combining the Synodical Congress with the annual meeting.

2. The thanks of the Synod are extended to the Committees which have arranged the programme so as to secure a hearing for the various benevolent objects without unduly delaying or prolonging the sessions.

3. The Committee on the Synodical Congress is instructed to confer with the Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting of Synod, to the end that the programme may be arranged in the most practicable manner.

The Committee on Forms of Worship reported progress and presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. That the Committee be continued to report to the Synod next year, with power to increase its number to fifteen.

2. That the sum of $25 be appropriated to the Committee's use.

The Committee on the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Westminster Standards, reported that it had not printed the proceedings for lack of funds. The report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 19, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

The Judicial Commission in Case No. 1 submitted its finding, which was ordered on the Records of the Synod, and is as follows:

The Commission to which was referred the appeal and complaint of the Rev. James G. Patterson, D. D., vs. the Presbytery of New York, in the matter of the Rev. A. F. Schauffler, D.D., respectfully reports that having carefully examined the Records of the Presbytery relating to the case and the papers accompanying the same, and having fully heard the parties, it decides:

1. That there having been no judicial process in this case there is no ground for appeal, and the appeal therefore is dismissed.

2. That, as a complaint against the Presbytery, we find nothing in the records of the Presbytery to justify it; and therefore the complaint is not sustained.

The Judicial Commission in Case No. 2 submitted its finding, which was ordered on the Records of the Synod, and is as follows :

The Commission, after full consideration of the case submitted to it, finds the deliverance of the General Assembly, instructing the Synod as to the action to be taken in the Warzsawiak case, susceptible of several interpretations ; and being in doubt as to the exact meaning of the deliverance, the Commission determines that the order of the General Assembly in this case ought to be made more explicit as to the duty of the Synod in the premises ; and that until such direction be given, it cannot properly give farther consideration thereto.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows, and its recommendations were adopted :

1. That the application of the Church at Ancram Lead Mines to be transferred from the Presbytery of Columbia to the Presbytery of North River be granted, and said transfer is hereby made.

2. As to the Overture from the Presbytery of Steuben suggesting a reduction in the office expenses of the Synod, it is recommended that no action be taken, as there appears to be need of such an office, where the records and other property of the Synod may safely be kept, and the extensive clerical work attended to, and where committees may meet, and the Stated Clerk be consulted on synodical matters. The office is plain in its equipment, and the rent is very moderate for the great Synod of New York.

3. In regard to the Overture from the Presbytery of Niagara and others in reference to the date of issuing the minutes, it is recommended that no action be taken. The Committee commends the accuracy and diligence of the Stated Clerk, and suggests greater expedition and care on the part of committees and others in forwarding reports and papers.

4. In answer to the Overture from the Presbytery of Westchester in regard to pugilistic contests, asking that a committee be appointed to co-operate with other religious bodies in securing legislation for the suppression of this evil, it is recommended that the Synod appoint such a committee.

5. The Committee recommends the adoption of the following Standing Rule, referred to it by vote of the Synod:

The Permanent Committees of the Synod shall serve for two years, and shall be appointed by the Synod in 1900, and in every second year thereafter.

The following Committee was appointed under the fourth recommendation : Elder Ralph E. Prime, LL.D., Rev. George W. F. Birch, D. D., Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, and Elder Rush Taggart.

The Committee to nominate the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented a report, which was accepted, and the nominees were duly appointed.

The Committee to nominate local Committees to act in furthering the interests of Elmira College, reported progress, and was continued, with power. It was ordered that Dr. MacKenzie act as Chairman of the several committees.

The Committee on Sabbath School Work presented an informal report, which was accepted.

Rev. James G. Patterson, D. D., gave notice of appeal and complaint to the next General Assembly against the decision of the Synod in Judicial Case No. 1.

The Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Synodical Missions reported that the examination of the accounts and vouchers would involve some delay, and recommended that the auditing be committed, with power, to the Executive Committee of Synodical Missions. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report which was adopted :

The Committee has compared the vouchers with the Treasurer's accounts, for the year ending October 1, 1899, and find that the same agree. A summary of the statement will appear in the Appendix to the Minutes. It is recommended that the rate of apportionment to meet the expenses of the Synod for the coming Synodical year be eight mills for each Communicant.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual salaries and the bills for the expenses of the Synod.

The Moderator and Stated Clerk were authorized to appoint Counsel to defend the Synod in any Appeals or Complaints against its decisions, that may be taken to the General Assembly.

It was ordered that the judgment of the Synod in Judicial Case No. 2 be transmitted to the next General Assembly, and that the Synod respectfully ask for further instructions.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members had been permitted to withdraw before the close of the sessions, and the report was accepted :

Presbytery of Albany : Elders—James V. Jones, Joseph Steele.

Binghamton : Elder—George J. Michelbach.

Brooklyn : Ministers—Roland S. Dawson, Frederick J. Pohl, John E. Fray ; Elders—John A. Nexsen, Theodore Van Duzee, Ira Goddard.

Buffalo: Minister—Charles F. Hubbard.

Cayuga: Ministers—Wallace B. Lucas, William H. Hubbard; Elder—Frederick M. Prentice.

Chemung: Minister—Ira E. Leonard; Elder—John C. Fisher.

Genesee: Minister—Henry R. Fancher.

Geneva: Elder—William H. Foster.

Hudson: Minister—Benjamin F. Parliman.

Lyons: Minister—Luther A. Ostrander.

Nassau: Elder—James McKinney.

New York: Ministers—Wilton Merle Smith, John Balcom Shaw, Thomas S. McWilliams; Elders—Henry W. Jessup, Rush Taggart, Daniel J. Holden.

Niagara: Minister—William H. Cornett; Elder—William H. Kilborne.

North River: Elder—William W. Smith.

Rochester: Minister—William W. Ketcham.

Troy: Minister—Allan McD. Paterson.

Utica: Minister—Esta E. Grosh.

Westchester: Ministers—George F. Pentecost, Wilson Phraner, George R. Cutting; Elders—Ralph E. Prime, Sanford R. Knapp, William H. Foster.

The several Standing Committees were called, and having no farther business to present, were discharged.

The following minute was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

The Synod of New York, at the close of its delightful and profitable sessions in the Second Church of Troy, gladly records its sense of obligation to the members of the Churches and Congregations of the city and vicinity, for their cordial hospitality. It especially thanks the Pastor of the Second Church, the Rev. Hector Hall, D. D., his efficient associates on the Committee of Arrangements, and the Trustees, for the admirable provision made for the comfort of the Synod and the despatch of its business; the ladies of the Congregation for their hearty welcome, and for the tasteful and unique decoration of the church; the organist and choir for their valuable services at the meetings of the Synod; and Mrs. Hector Hall, whose lovely voice has charmed and helped us all.

Thanks are also tendered to the Century Company, New York, for the books of hymns and tunes gratuitously furnished for the devotional services of the Synod; to the Daily Press of Troy for the excellent reports of the proceedings; to the Railway Companies for the favor shown in the reduction of fares; and to the Telegraph and Telephone Companies for courtesies extended. The helpful assistance of the Committee on the Synodical Congress is also most cordially recognized. And the Synod closes its sessions with gratitude to God for all the privileges it has enjoyed in Troy, beneath its bright October skies.

The Rev. Hector Hall, D. D., warmly responded for the Committee of Arrangements, and the Moderator made suitable reply.

The roll was called, and the following members were recorded as absent without the permission of the Synod :

Presbytery of Albany : Minister—A. Russell Stevenson ; Elders—George S. Munson, George F. Smith, James M. Wands.

Boston : Minister—Martin D. Kneeland ; Elder—John Willis Baer.

Buffalo : Minister—Samuel T. Clarke ; Elder—Albert A. Corbett.

Cayuga : Elder—William J. Donovan.

Champlain : Elder—William Johnson,

Columbia : Minister—Archibald M. Shaw.

Geneva : Minister—William W. Weller,

Rochester: Ministers—Richard D. Harlan, Frederick N. Lindsay, William A. Hallock.

St. Lawrence: Elders—Robert Markwick, Joseph P. Bonney.

Troy : Elders—Frederick P. Allen, Daniel H. Ayers.

Westchester : Minister—Richard P. H. Vail.

The minutes of the day's sessions were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the First Church, Geneva, on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of October, A. D. 1900, at half past seven o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,

Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST :

T. RALSTON SMITH,

Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. The Presbytery of Albany consists of sixty-five ministers and fifty churches, and has under its care one licentiate and eight candidates.

Ministers received:

December 13, 1898, Rev. Spencer M. Adsit, from the Presbytery of Los Angeles, and Rev. Frederick W. Johnson, D.D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

April 18, 1899, Rev. Edward J. Abbott, from the Essex Association of Congregational Churches, and Rev. John H. Trussell, from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery.

September 19, 1899, Frank L. Putnam, Frederick L. Greene, Charles B. Mitchell, and Walter M. Swan.

Licensed:

June 13, 1899, John G. Hilton.

Licentiate received:

June 13, 1899, Charles McKenzie, from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 18, 1899, between Rev. Lansing Van Auken, M. D., and the First Church of West Troy;

July 31, between Rev. Cornelius C. Cook and the Church of Stephentown.

Ordinations:

June 13, 1899, John G. Hilton and Charles McKenzie;

June 30, David H. Craver.

Installations:

October 12, 1898, Rev. John J. Lawrence, over the State Street Church, Albany;

October 18, Rev. Putnam Cady, over the Emmanuel Church, Amsterdam;

June 1, 1899, Rev. James P. Bryant, over the Rensselaerville Church;

May 4, Rev. Edward J. Abbott, over the Corinth Church;

June 13, Rev. Charles McKenzie, over the Sixth Church, Albany.

Ministers dismissed:

December 13, 1898, Rev. Leicester J. Sawyer, to the East Florida Conference of Congregational Churches;

April 18, 1899, Rev. John Willis, to the Presbytery of West Jersey:
September 19, Rev. John G. Hilton, to the Presbytery of Emporia, and Rev. David H. Craver, to the Central Association of Congregational Ministers, N. Y.

Licentiate transferred:

December 13, 1898, William H. Layson, to the Presbytery of Los Angeles.

Deceased:

October 17, 1898, Rev. Josiah Markle, at New Brunswick, N. J., aged 69 years.

II. THE PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON consists of thirty-seven ministers and thirty-two churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

April 18, 1899, Rev. William Ellis Williams, from the Presbytery of Troy; Rev. Thomas J. Hedges, from the Presbytery of Trinity; Rev. Seneca McNeil Keeler, from the Presbytery of Boston; and Rev. C. Edward Fay, from the Orleans Association of Congregational Churches.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

April 18, 1899, between Rev. George N. Macdonald and the church in Preble.

Installation:

June 2, 1899, Rev. William Ellis Williams, over the Second Church, Coventry.

Ministers dismissed:

April 18, 1899, Rev. William Wallace Ketchum, to the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. George N. Macdonald, to the Presbytery of Niagara.
September 19, Rev. Seneca McNeil Keeler, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

III. THE PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON consists of sixty ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

April 18, 1899, Rev. Albert Watson, from the Congregational Association, Massachusetts;
September 4, Rev. Edward D. Vance, from the Presbytery of Erie;
October 4, Rev. David L. Wilson, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Rev. Parley P. Womer, from Montpelier Congregational Association; and Rev. John Brown, who returned his letter of dismission.

Candidate taken under care of the Presbytery:

October 4, 1899, John J. McDonald.

Licentiate received:

June 19, 1899, James D. Taylor.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 24, 1899, between Rev. Charles A. Campbell and the First Church of Providence;

May 1, between Rev. Arthur W. Remington and Hyde Park Church;

September 10, between Rev. Roger Charnock, Ph. D., and Globe Church, Fall River.

Ordination:

June 19, 1899, James D. Taylor.

Installations:

May 1, 1899, Rev. Andrew J. Brucklacher, over the First Church, Worcester;

May 3, Rev. Albert Watson, over the Windham Church;

May 25, Rev. Alexander D. Mackinnon, over St. Andrew's Church, Boston;

June 28, Rev. Joseph F. Langton, over the Waltham Church.

Ministers dismissed:

April 24, 1899, Rev. Charles A. Campbell, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

September 10, Rev. Roger Charnock, Ph. D., to the Presbytery of Erie;

September 23, Rev. Henry McGilvary, to the Presbytery of Hudson;

October 4, Rev. Arthur W. Remington, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Miscellaneous:

April 19, 1899, Rev. William E. Archibald, Ph. D., was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer, and Rev. James Mitchell, Ph. D., was elected Permanent Clerk;

May 8, Rev. Theophilos McLeod was suspended for one year.

IV. THE PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN consists of seventy-two ministers and thirty-five churches, and has under its care five licentiates and twelve candidates.

Ministers received:

December 5, 1898, Rev. James B. Dunn, D. D., from the Presbytery of Boston; Rev. Kenneth F. Junor, M. D., from the Classis of New York, Reformed Church;

February 6, 1899, Rev. William N. Steele, from the Presbytery of Hastings;

April 17, Rev. Frederick S. Curtis, from the Presbytery of Sanyo, Japan;

May 8, Rev. Alexander McGaffin, from the Presbytery of Schuyler;

May 31, Rev. Frederick Campbell, from the Presbytery of Utica;

July 3, Rev. Samuel G. Palmer, from the Presbytery of Geneva;

October 2, Rev. Thomas W. Campbell, from the Presbytery of Toronto, Canada; Rev. Warren H. Wilson, from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 17, 1899, Francis Clayton;
October 2, Eliphalet B. Terry.

Licentiate received:

April 17, 1899, Carl Podin, from the Presbytery of New York.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 5, 1898, between Rev. James W. Gilland, D. D., and Westminster Church; between Rev. John Fox, D. D., and Second Church;
April 17, 1899, between Rev. Robert D. Sproull, D. D., and Noble Street Church;
May 8, between Rev. Thomas A. Nelson, D. D., and Memorial Church;
May 31, between Rev. George L. MacClelland and Immanuel Church.

Ordinations:

November 1, 1898, Louis Nickse;
April 27, 1899, Carl Podin.

Installations:

October 25, 1898, Rev. George L. MacClelland, over Immanuel Church
January 11, 1899, Rev. Frederick T. Steele, over Mt. Olivet Church;
May 9, Rev. Alexander McGaffin, over the Second Church;
June 6, Rev. Frederick Campbell, over Westminster Church;
October 11, Rev. Warren H. Wilson, over Arlington Avenue Church;
October 12, Rev. Thomas W. Campbell, over Noble Street Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 5, 1898, Rev. James W. Gilland, D. D., to the Presbytery of Northumberland;
February 6, 1899, Rev. Andrew J. Brucklacher, to the Presbytery of Boston; Rev. Frederick J. Fuess, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
April 17, Rev. John J. Bridges, to the Presbytery of Newark;
May 8, Rev. Frederick W. McClusky, to the Presbytery of Utica;
June 15, Rev. William H. Hudnut, to the Presbytery of Mahoning;
October 2, Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., to the Presbytery of New York.

Licentiates and candidates transferred:

February 6, 1899, Licentiate John C. Rauscher, to the North Classis of Long Island, Reformed Church; Candidate Christian Oswald, to the Maryland Classis, Reformed Church; Candidate Oscar H. McGowan, to the Presbytery of Chester;
April 17, Licentiate Richard F. Wertz, to the Presbytery of Holston.

Name dropped from the roll:

February 6, 1899, Candidate Archibald McCullagh.

Deceased:

August 19, 1899, at Dansville, N. Y., Rev. Valentine A. Lewis, aged 59.

Change in name of church:

February 6, 1899, Calvary Church, Brooklyn, to Glenmore Avenue Church.

V. THE PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO consists of fifty-seven ministers and forty-seven churches, and has under its care two licentiates and two candidates.

Ministers received:

February 16, 1899, Rev. Samuel L. Hamilton, from the Presbytery of Louisville;

September 19, Rev. Louis B. Crane, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick; Rev, Carl Linn, from the Presbytery of Mahoning; and Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker, Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 11, 1899, Frederick W. Ziegler;

September 19, William L. Staub.

Licentiates received:

February 16, 1899, Henry B. Master, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick;

September 19, Samuel Colgate, from the Presbytery of New York.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 16, 1899, between Rev. William J. McKittrick and Calvary Church, Buffalo;

April 11, between Rev. Henry W. Tolson and the church in East Aurora;

September 19, between Rev. Alton H. Cowles and the church in Akron.

Ordinations;

April 11, 1899, Henry B. Master, and, September 19, Samuel Colgate.

Ministers dismissed:

April 11, 1899, Rev. Percy B. Wightman, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

February 16, Rev, William J. McKittrick, to the Presbytery of St. Louis;

September 19, Rev. Wesley W. Cole, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Deceased:

October 11, 1898, at St. Catherine's, Ontario, Rev. George Sexton, D. D,, LL.D., in the 67th year of his age.

VI. THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA consists of thirty-eight ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care six licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received :

Nov. 15, 1898, Rev. Ephraim W. Florence, from the Presbytery of East Florida ;

September 26, 1899, Rev. William H. Kelley, from the Presbytery of Otsego, and Rev. George B. Stewart, D.D., from the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

Nov. 15, 1898, Charles Trowbridge Riggs, Orlando Boyd Pershing, John W. McMurray, from the Presbytery of Transylvania, and James Dexter Taylor, from the Presbytery of Boston.

April 11, 1899, George C. Kersten, from the Presbytery of St. Louis;

May 10, Harry G. Romig, from the Presbytery of Platte, Wm. A. Morrison and Myron J. Crocker.

Candidates licensed:

April 11, 1899, Joseph Van Kirk Wells, Jr., Charles T. Riggs, Orlando B. Pershing, John W. McMurray, and James D. Taylor;

May 10, Jay Herbert McConnell.

Ordinations:

November 17, 1898, Rhuel Hampton Merrill.

May 12, 1899, J. Van Kirk Wells, Jr.

Ministers dismissed:

November 17, 1898, Rev. Rhuel H. Merrill, to the Presbytery of Parkersburg;

April 11, 1899, Rev. Irving W. Street, to the Presbytery of Lima, Rev. Francis Carruthers, to the Presbytery of Boston, and Rev. Ephraim W. Florence, to the Classis of Montgomery;

July 7, Rev. Thomas A. Fenton, to the Presbytery of Boston;

September 26, Rev. J. Van Kirk Wells, Jr., to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Licentiates and Candidates transferred:

April 11, 1899, James D. Taylor, licentiate, to the Presbytery of Boston;

May 12, Jay Herbert McConnell, licentiate, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

September 26, John W. McMurray, licentiate, to the Presbytery of La-Crosse, and George C. Kersten, candidate, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Deceased:

At Auburn, N. Y., March 18, 1899, Rev. Henry M. Booth, D.D., LL.D., in the 57th year of his age.

VII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care one candidate for the ministry.

Ministers received:

September 20, 1899, Rev. Ernest L. Tiffany, from the Presbytery of Otsego, and Rev. Charles W. Rice, from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Ministers dismissed:

April 11, 1899, Rev. Benjamin B. Seelye, to the Congregational Association of Kansas City, and Rev. Thomas Charbonnell, to the Presbytery of Ozark;

September 20, Rev. William H. Miller, to the Presbytery of Hastings, and Rev. Albert C. Salls, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Demitted the ministry:

April 11, 1899, Rev. George F. Chipperfield, whose name was dropped from the roll.

VIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate.

Minister received:

October 9, 1899, Rev. Charles T. Henry, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Licentiate received:

June 6, 1899, Hiram S. Bacon, from the Presbytery of Steuben.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

June 6, 1899, between Rev. Frank C. Shultis and the church at Burdett.

Ordained:

October 23, 1898, John E. Nelson;
September 19, 1899, Hiram S. Bacon.

Dismissed:

April 17, 1899, Rev. Henry T. Scholl, to the Presbytery of Lyons.

Deceased:

November 19, 1898, at Horseheads, N. Y, aged 86, Rev. Charles C. Carr, long the honored Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

IX. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHILE consists of fourteen ministers and seven churches, and has under its care two local evangelists and three candidates.

X. THE PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA consists of eighteen ministers and nineteen churches, and has under its care one licentiate, one local evangelist, and one candidate.

Licentiate received:

September 19, 1899, Luther J. Emerson, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

April 26, 1899, between Rev. Rufus King and the church at Cairo.

Ordination:

April 26, 1899, John H. Alexander.

XI. THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA consists of seven ministers and four churches, and has under its care two licentiates and one candidate.

XII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE consists of twenty-two ministers and twenty churches, and has under its care one local evangelist and one licentiate.

Ministers received:

April 11, 1899, Rev. Frederick S. Witter, from the Presbytery of Sacramento;

September 26, Rev. Seth Cook, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 11, 1899, between Rev. James A. Anderson and the church at Le Roy;

May 29, between Rev. John W. Stitt and the church at Byron;

August 28, between Rev. Orton H. Carmichael and the Stone Church.

Minister dismissed:

August 28, 1899, Rev. Orton H. Carmichael, to the Presbytery of Mattoon.

Miscellaneous:

Rev. Arthur E. Brigden has been elected Treasurer, to succeed Rev. John Wickes, who had served for thirty years.

XIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

March 25, 1899, Rev. Nathan B. Knapp, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;

April 17, Rev. Henry H. Lipes, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

March 25, 1899, John McLaren Richardson.

Candidate licensed:

June 7, 1899, George L. Lerch.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

March 25, 1899, between Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D., and the church of Romulus, to take effect April 20;

June 7, between Rev. Charles T. Henry and the church of Canoga.

Ordination:

June 7, 1899, George L. Lerch.

Installations:

December 22, 1898, Rev. Joel C. Glover, over the church of Manchester;

February 16, 1899, Rev. John Q. Adams, over the church of Canandaigua.

Ministers dismissed:

April 17, 1899, Rev. Samuel G. Palmer, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
September 26, Rev. Charles T. Henry, to the Presbytery of Chemung, and Rev. Albert Wilbur Taylor, to the Ontario Association of Congregational Churches.

Dropped from the roll:

September 26, 1899, Candidate William V. Stork.

Minister deceased:

January 27, 1899, at Branchport, N. Y., Rev. Ebenezer H. Stratton, aged 92.

Deposed:

April 18, 1899, Rev. Charles H. Lester and Rev. Samuel Seymour Phelps.

XIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON consists of fifty ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1899, Rev. Andrew Nelson, from the Presbytery of Lyons;
September 19, Rev. Fred E. Taylor, from the Presbytery of Jersey City;
October 9, Rev. Henry McGilvary, from the Presbytery of Boston.

Candidate received:

April 18, 1899, Mr. John R. Wilkie, from the Presbytery of Parkersburgh.

Candidates licensed:

April 18, 1899, Robert Brewster Beattie, and John R. Wilkie for one year as a local evangelist.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

June 26, 1899, between Rev. Paul Martin and the church of Palisades;
July 27, between Rev. Adolf F. Pape and the German church at Nyack;
September 19, between Rev. George A. Godduhn and the German church at Jeffersonville;
October 9, between Rev. John W. Lowden and the Unionville church.

Installation:

May 24, 1899, Rev. Andrew Nelson, over the church at Liberty.

Ministers dismissed:

April 17, 1899, Rev. George T. Galbraith, to the Presbytery of North River, and Rev. Adney W. Hallock, to the Presbytery of Utica;
June 10, Rev. James C. Coleman, to the Presbytery of Butte;
September 19, Rev. George A. Godduhn, to the Cincinnati Classis of the Reformed Church, U. S.

Licentiate transferred:

September 18, 1899, Robert Brewster Beattie, to the Presbytery of Huntington.

XV. THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND consists of twenty-one ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

December 23, 1898, between Rev. Minot S. Morgan and the church of Remsenburg.

Ministers dismissed :

November, 1898, Rev. John M. Shippen, to the Congregational Association of Washington, D. C.;

March 27, 1899, Rev. Minot S. Morgan, to the Presbytery of New York.

Deceased :

April, 14, 1899, at Riverhead, N. Y., Rev. Samuel Whaley, in the 87th year of his age.

XVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF LYONS consists of twenty-one ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Minister received :

September 20, 1899, Rev. Frank H. Bisbee, from the Presbytery of Steuben.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

February 28, 1899, between Rev. Andrew Nelson and the churches of Wolcott, 2d, and Victory ;

August 7, between Rev. Herman B. Mayo and the church of Williamson.

Ministers dismissed :

February 28, 1899, Rev. Andrew Nelson, to the Presbytery of Hudson ;

August 7, Rev. Herman B. Mayo, to the Presbytery of Arizona.

XVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Minister received :

June 13, 1899, Rev. Thomas Thompson, from the Presbytery of West Jersey.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

April 10, 1899, Paul William Frederick Lindner.

Licensed :

June 13, 1899, Robert Brooks, as a local evangelist.

Pastoral relations dissolved ;

December 13, 1898, between Rev. Frank Voorhees and the Greenlawn Church, and between Rev. Edward J. Lloyd and the Whitestone Church.

Installation:

June 28, 1899, Rev. Thomas Thompson, over the Whitestone Church.

Minister dismissed:

April 10, 1899, Rev. Edward J. Lloyd, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Deceased:

February 13, 1899, at Bridgeport, Conn., Rev. Benjamin L. Swan, aged 86 years;

~~September 30,~~ Oct. 1, at Minsi, Penn., Rev. Thomas Thompson, aged 34 years.

Change in name of Church:

April 11, 1899, "Second" Church of Huntington to "Central" Church.

XVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK consists of one hundred and fifty-seven ministers and fifty-one churches, and has under its care twelve licentiates and eleven candidates.

Ministers received:

November 14, 1898, Rev. Frederick B. Richards, from the Manhattan Association;

December 19, Rev. Francis E. Marsten, D. D., from the Presbytery of Columbus;

January 9, 1899, Rev. John Kirkpatrick from the U. P. Presbytery of New York;

February 13, Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston, D. D., from the Presbytery of Chicago; Rev. John H. Denison, from the Congregational Church, Williamstown, Mass;

March 13, Rev. John J. Munro from the Manhattan Association;

April 10, Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

November 14, 1898, Joseph McInnis;
December 19, Vaclav Backora;
January 9, 1899, J. B. Eakins, R. A. Boyle, Samuel Colgate;
June 26, Godfried Chabot, Philip Newbold.

Candidate received:

June 12, 1899, H. S. Brown, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Candidates licensed:

January 9, 1899, Samuel Colgate;
March 13, William B. Bebb, J. B. Eakins, R. A. Boyle.

Licentiate received:

June 26, 1899, Albert D. Gantz, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Licentiates transferred:

March 13, 1899, Carl Podin, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
June 12, Samuel Colgate, to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
August 3, J. B. Eakins, to the Presbytery of St. Clairsville;
September —, R. A. Boyle, to the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Local Evangelist licensed:

June 26, 1899, Joseph McInnis.

Dissolution of Pastoral Relations:

December 19, 1898, between Rev. J. G. Patterson, D. D., and the East Harlem Church;
April 10, 1899, between Rev. Maitland Alexander, D. D., and the Harlem Church;
June 12, between Rev. Walter D. Buchanan, D. D., and the Thirteenth Street Church;
June 26, between Rev. James Chambers, D.D., and Calvary Church;
October 3, between Rev. A. Woodruff Halsey, D.D., and the Spring Street Church.

Ordination:

October 27, 1898, John Campbell Neill as an evangelist.

Installations:

November 22, 1898, Rev. Frederick B. Richards, over the Fourteenth Street Church;
February 20, 1899, Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, D.D., over the New York Church;
February 21, Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston, D.D., over the Madison Avenue Church;
March 23, Rev. John H. Denison, over the Church of Sea and Land;
May 12, Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D., over the Fourth Church;
October 15, Rev. Walter D. Buchanan, D.D., over the Fourth Avenue Church.

Churches united:

April 10, 1899, Allen Street and Fourteenth Street;
June 26, Madison Avenue and Phillips.

Churches dissolved:

June 12, 1899, Church of the Redeemer, and Calvary.

Minister deposed:

December 9, 1898, Rev. Joseph R. Kerr, D.D.

Ministers dismissed:

November 14, 1898, Rev. H. W. Parker to the Manhattan Congregational Association;
February 13, 1899, Rev. Edwin R. Lewis to the Presbytery of Washington, and Rev. Harutune Jenanyan to the Manhattan Congregational Association;

March 13, Rev. James T. Hunter to the Classis of New York;
April 10, Rev. Maitland Alexander, D.D., to the Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

Ministers deceased:

November 27, 1898, at Red Bank, N. J., Rev. Thomas S. Bradner, aged 77;
February 1, 1899, in New York, Rev. Charles Seymour Robinson, D.D., LL. D., aged 69;
July 19, in Brooklyn, Rev. Sidney G. Law, aged 68;
May 3, in New York, Rev. John Campbell Neill, aged 26.

XIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA consists of twenty-three ministers and twenty-one churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received;

April 18, 1899, Rev. George N. Macdonald, from the Presbytery of Binghamton, and Rev. John B. Appel, from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Candidate taken under the care of Presbytery:

April 17, 1899, Mr. Evert O. Lansing.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

July 10, 1899, between the Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker, M. D., Ph.D., and the church at Wright's Corners.

Installation:

June 19, 1899, Rev. George N. Macdonald, over the church at Somerset.

Ministers dismissed:

April 17, 1899, Rev. Dean R. Leland, to the Presbytery of St. Louis, and Rev. Alfred F. Pratt, to the Presbytery of Steuben;
July 10, Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker, M. D., Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
September 19, Rev. Seth Cook, to the Presbytery of Genesee.

Miscellaneous:

April 17, 1899, Rev. Levi G. Marsh was honorably retired.
April 18, Mr. Harry J. Thayer was dropped from the list of candidates.

XX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS consists of twenty-four ministers and fifteen churches, and has under its care three licentiates and four candidates.

XXI. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER consists of forty-six ministers and thirty-one churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1899, Rev. Henry B. Sayre, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
April 18, Rev. George T. Galbraith, from the Presbytery of Hudson;
October 3, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt, from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery :

April 18, 1899, Leroy C. Cooley, Jr.;

October 4, William Ashton and Charles B. Schaeffer.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

July 29, 1899, between Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts, D.D., and the Rondout church;

October 3, between Rev. Charles L. Carhart and the Marlborough Church; between Rev. Wallace W. Thorpe and the church of Wappingers Falls; and between Rev. John T. Williamson and the Kingston Church.

Ministers dismissed :

April 18, 1899, Rev. Curtis E. Long, to the Presbytery of Oklahoma, and Rev. Joseph C. Wyckoff, to the Presbytery of Westchester ;

October 2, Rev. F. Lincoln Cornish, to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

XXII. THE PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-seven churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received ·

January 17, 1899, Rev. John P. Crane, from the Troy M. E. Conference; and Rev. Sidney S. Conger, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;

April 27, Rev. Edward J. Lloyd, from the Presbytery of Nassau;

May 31, Rev. Charles W. Kinney, from the Classis of Montgomery;

August 14, Rev. Wesley W. Cole, from the Presbytery of Buffalo;

September 26, Rev. Albert C. Salls, from the Presbytery of Champlain, and Rev. William A. Beecher, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidate licensed :

April 27, 1899, Samuel R. Spriggs.

Licentiate received :

April 27, 1899, Frank E. Van Wie.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

January 24, 1899, between Rev. Frank E. Hoyt and the Church of Colchester;

February 15, between Rev. Charles M. Herrick and the Church of Hobart;

May 29, between Rev. Newton M. Hall and the Church of Oneonta;

June 13, between Rev. Ernest L. Tiffany and the Church of Guilford;

August 14, between Rev. Daniel G. Lawson and the Church of Margaretville.

Ordinations :

April 27, 1899, Samuel R. Spriggs;

June 13, Frank E. Van Wie.

Installations :

November 1, 1898, Rev. Edmund G. Rawson, over the Church of Richfield Springs;

January 17, 1899, Rev. John P. Crane, over the Church of Middlefield; and Rev. Sidney S. Conger, over the Church of Cooperstown;
May 17, Rev. Edward J. Lloyd, over the Church of Milford;
May 31, Rev. Charles W. Kinney, over the Church of Hobart;
June 13, Rev. Frank E. Van Wie, over the Church of Meridale;
August 14, Rev. Wesley W. Cole, over the Church of Colchester;
October 10, Rev. James C. Russell, over the Church of Onconta.

Ministers dismissed:

January 17, 1899, Rev. Albro L. Greene, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
February 15, Rev. Charles M. Herrick, to the Presbytery of Rochester;
May 29, Rev. Newton M. Hall, to the Hamden Association of Congregational Ministers;
July 5, Rev. Ernest L. Tiffany, to the Presbytery of Champlain;
September 27, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt, to the Presbytery of North River.

XXIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER consists of sixty-nine ministers and forty-seven churches, and has under its care three licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received:

April 11, 1899, Rev. Dwight L. Parsons, from the Presbytery of Waterloo; Rev. Charles M. Herrick, from the Presbytery of Otsego, and Rev. Harry H. Barstow, from the Presbytery of Niagara;
April 24, Rev. William Wallace Ketcham, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Candidate taken under the care of Presbytery:

April 11, 1898, Charles F. Kittredge.

Candidates licensed:

April 11, 1899, George L. Engler, George J. Searls, and Charles F. Kittredge.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 10, 1899, between Rev. Tillman S. Rush, D.D., and the Church of Livonia;
June 24, between Emmanuel Church of Rochester, and Rev. John W. Ross;
September 2, between the Church of Ogden, and the Rev. John H. Williams;
September 26, between the Church of Caledonia, and the Rev. John A. Sherrard.

Ordination:

May 16, 1899, William D. Robinson.

Installations:

October 20, 1898, Rev. John W. Ross, over Emmanuel Church, Rochester;
March 24, 1899, Rev. George C. Frost, over Calvary Church, Rochester;
April 28, Rev. Charles M. Herrick, over the Church of Dansville;
May 2, Rev. William Wallace Ketcham, over the Church of Honeoye Falls;
October 12, Rev. Dwight L. Parsons, over the Church of Wheatland.

Deceased:

June 29, 1899, at Rochester, N. Y., Rev. Oliver P. Conklin, aged 85 years.

XXIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE consists of thirty-eight ministers and thirty-five churches, and has under its care one licentiate and five candidates.

Ministers received:

February 16, 1899, Rev. Walter Mitchell, from the Presbytery of Utica:
April 11, Rev. Henry N. Dunning, from the Presbytery of Nebraska City; Rev. Frederick W. Fuess, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Rev. Albro L. Greene, from the Presbytery of Otsego, and Rev. Theodore L. Leverett, from the Presbytery of Utah.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 16, 1899, between Rev. William A. Roulston and the Church at Dexter;
September 20, between Rev. J. Rosser Jones, D.D., and the Church at Adams;
September 26, between Rev. Walter Mitchell and the Church at Oxbow.

Ordinations:

June 8, 1899, Licentiate Frank A. Ingraham;
July 27, Licentiate J. Elmer Russell, as an evangelist to go to Honolulu.

Installations:

December 22, 1898, Rev. Donald A. McLean, over the Church at Heuvelton;
February 22, 1899, Rev. William Mitchell, over the Church at Oxbow;
April 12, Rev. Henry N. Dunning over the Stone Street Church, Watertown;
May 16, Rev. Albro L. Greene over the Church at Rossie;
June 8, Rev. Frank A. Ingraham over the Church at Chaumont.

Ministers dismissed:

November 21, 1898, Rev. George E. Jackson to the Presbytery of Dayton;
March 31, 1899, Rev. William A. Roulston to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and Rev. Allan M. McIntosh to the Presbytery of Niobrara;
September 20, Rev. J. Rosser Jones, D.D., to the Presbytery of Dayton.

Licentiate transferred:

July 27, 1899, J. Canfield Van Doren to the Presbytery of Utica.

Deceased:

August 14, 1899, at Adams, N. Y., Rev. George W. Mackie, aged 67 years.

Church dissolved:

April 11, 1899, Orleans, N. Y.

XXV. THE PRESBYTERY OF SIAM consists of eleven ministers and nine churches, and has under its care one local evangelist.

XXVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care one licentiate and five candidates.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1899, Rev. David Craft and Rev. James R. Robinson, from the Presbytery of Wellsborough, and the Rev. Alfred F. Pratt, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

April 18, 1899, Clarence Woodward;
September 19, Elmer Stewart and Edgar D. Clark.

Candidate licensed:

September 19, 1899, Edgar D. Clark.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

February 14, 1899, between Rev. Frank H. Bisbee and the Almond Church.

Installation:

November 9, 1898, Rev. Evan R. Evans, Ph. D., over the Atlanta church.

Ministers dismissed:

February 14, 1899, Rev. Frank H. Bisbee, to the Presbytery of Lyons, and Rev. James R. Robinson, to the Presbytery of Wellsborough.

Licentiates transferred:

April 18, 1899, Hiram D. Baker, to the Presbytery of Chemung; and Frank E. Van Wie, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

XXVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE consists of forty-four ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care three licentiates and three candidates.

Ministers received:

December 5, 1898, Rev. Emory L. Evans, from the Western New York Association of Congregational Churches;
April 11, 1899, Rev. Percy B. Wightman, from the Presbytery of Buffalo;
May 25, Rev. Fountain R. Farrand, from the Presbytery of Pittsburg, and Rev. Richard N. Toms, from the Presbytery of Wellsborough.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

May 1, 1899, James H. Salsbury, from the Presbytery of Platte, and Edward M. Scheirer, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

Candidates licensed :

April 11, 1899, John G. Truair ;
May 1, James H. Salsbury and Edward M. Scheirer.

Licentiates received :

December 5, 1898, J. Delmar Murphy, who returned his letter of dismission and was placed again on the roll ;
May 25, 1899, Jay Herbert MacConnell, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 5, 1898, between Rev. James B. King and the Elmwood Church, Syracuse ;
February 6, 1899, between Rev. John C. Mead and the First Church, Oswego, and between Rev. H. Bradley Sayre and the Church of Collamer;
March 6, between Rev. James L. Jewell and the Church of Jamesville;
October 3, between Rev. Grenville P. Sewall and the East Genesee Church, Syracuse.

Ordinations :

June 27, 1899, Edward F. Green ;
June 29, Jay Herbert MacConnell ;
October 3, J. Delmar Murphy and Edward M. Scheirer.

Installations :

November 8, 1898, Rev. William L. Sawtelle, over the Church of Chittenango ;
March 21, 1899, Rev. Emory L. Evans, over the Chuch of Manlius ;
May 25, Rev. Percy B. Wightman, over the Church of Fayetteville ;
May 26, Rev. Fountain R. Farrand, over the First Church, Oswego ;
June 27, Rev. Edward F. Green, over the Churches of Parish and Hastings ;
June 29, Rev. Jay Herbert MacConnell, over the Church of Jamesville ;
October 3, Rev. Edward M. Scheirer, over the Church of Elmwood, Syracuse.

Ministers dismissed :

February 6, 1899, Rev. John C. Mead, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and Rev. H. Bradley Sayre, to the Presbytery of North River ;
March 6, Rev. James L. Jewell, to the Presbytery of Westchester, and Rev. Nathan B. Knapp, to the Presbytery of Geneva ;
April 10, Rev. James B. King, to the South Middlesex Association of Congregational Churches, and Rev. Henry H. Lipes, to the Presbytery of Geneva ;
June 12, Rev. Cyrus P. Osborne, to the Suffolk South Association of Congregational Churches ;
October 3, Rev. Richard N. Toms, to the Presbytery of North River.

Licentiates and candidates transferred :

March 6, 1899, Donald McColl, to the Presbytery of Newark ;
April 10, Jackson K. Buchanan, to the Presbytery of East Oregon ;
May 25, James H. Salsbury, to the Presbytery of Nebraska City.

Deceased :

June 26, 1899, at Birka, Arabia, Rev. George E. Stone, in his 26th year.

Church dissolved :

December 5, 1898, Westminster, Syracuse.

XXVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF TROY, consists of forty-two ministers and forty-one churches, and has under its care one licentiate, one local Evangelist, and six candidates.

Ministers received :

November 10, 1898, Rev. George Dugan, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;
March 10, 1899, Rev. John R. Mackay, from the Presbytery of Boston.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

April 17, 1899, Clarence W. Dunham.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

November 10, 1898, between Rev. John R. Crosser and the Church of Glens Falls;
December 30, between Rev. Charles E. MacGinness, Ph.D., and the Olivet Church, Lansingburgh;
April 18, 1899, between Rev. Obadiah C. Auringer and the Third Church, Troy;
May 2, between Rev. Joseph P. White and the Church of Brunswick;
September 18, between Rev. Charles D. Kellogg and the Church of Fort Edward.

Ordination :

June 2, 1899, James Harvey Dunham as an Evangelist.

Installations :

November 15, 1898, Rev. George Dugan, over the Ninth Church, Troy;
February 8, 1899, Rev. Charles E. MacGinness, Ph.D., over the Church of Whitehall;
March 10, Rev. John R. Mackay, over the Church of Glens Falls.

Ministers dismissed :

November 10, 1898, Rev. J. Addison Whitaker, to the Presbytery of Olympia, and Rev. John R. Crosser, to the Presbytery of Chicago;
February 18, 1899, Rev. William E. Williams, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Deceased:

January 19, 1899, at Whitehall, N. Y., Rev. Horace W. Finch, in his 78th year;

April 9, at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Rev. Richard Osborne, in his 78th year;

August 13, at Waterford, N. Y., Rev. Samuel R. House, M.D., in his 82d year.

XXIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF UTICA consists of fifty-seven ministers and forty-five churches, and has under its care two licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received:

January 2, 1899, Rev. Robert H. Life, from the East Hampshire Congregational Association;

April 11, Rev. Carl H. Dudley, from the Presbytery of Wellsboro;

June 26, Rev. Adney W. Hallock, from the Presbytery of Long Island;

September 26, Rev. Frederick W. McCluskey, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Candidate received and licensed:

April 11, 1899, James G. Clark, from the Presbytery of Platte;

Licentiates received:

November 9, 1898, Louis H. Holden, from the Presbytery of Newark;

September 26, 1899, J. Canfield Van Doren, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 11, 1899, between Rev. James H. Taylor, D.D., and the church of Rome; between Rev. George K. Fraser and the church of Oneida Castle, and between Rev. Jeremiah Petrie and the church of Redfield;

May 18, between Rev. George Hardy and the church of Sauquoit, and between Rev. Frederick Campbell and the church of Lowville.

Ordinations:

November 9, 1898, Louis H. Holden as an Evangelist;

June 20, 1899, James G. Clark;

October 3, J. Canfield Van Doren.

Installations:

June 20, 1899, Rev. James G. Clark, over the church at Redfield;

October 3, Rev. J. Canfield Van Doren, over the Cochran Memorial Church, Oneida Castle.

Ministers dismissed:

January 2, 1899, Rev. Chester W. Hawley, to the East Hampshire Congregational Association, and Rev. Walter Mitchell to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

May 18, Rev. Frederick Campbell, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

June 26, Rev. Sherman W. Haven, to the Western New York Congregational Association;

September 26, Rev. Louis H. Holden, to the Presbytery of Newark.

Deceased:

July 27, 1899, at Clinton, N. Y., Rev. Abel Grosvenor Hopkins, Ph. D., D.D,, in the 55th year of his age.

Change in name of church:

September 26, 1899, "Glendale" to "Glenfield."

Church dissolved:

June 26, 1899, Highland Church, Utica.

XXX. THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER consists of sixty-nine ministers and thirty-nine churches, and has under its care eleven licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received:

January 17, 1899, Rev. Stanley Grant Tyndall, from the Presbytery of Fargo;

April 18, Rev. James D. Jewell, from the Presbytery of Syracuse, and Rev. Stephen A. Califf, from the Presbytery of Northumberland;

June 20, Rev. Douglas Putnam Birnie, from the Suffolk West Association, Massachusetts;

October 10, Rev. Joseph C. Wyckoff, from the Presbytery of North River.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

January 17, 1899, Fernand Cattelaine;

April 18, Donald McIver;

June 20, John Sharpe.

Candidate licensed:

April 18, 1899, John M. Trout.

Licentiate received:

June 20, 1899, G. Ernest Merriam, from the Hollis Association, New Hampshire.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 1, 1898, between Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden and the Mt. Kisco Church;

April 18, 1899, between Rev. Frank L. Shepard and the Pleasantville Church;

September 5, between Rev. Gerhart A. Wilson and the First Church of Holyoke, Mass.

Ordination:

June 27, 1899, G. Ernest Merriam.

Installations:

November 10, 1898, Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden, over the First Church of Peekskill, N. Y.;

February 7, 1899, Rev. Stanley Grant Tyndall, over the First Church of Springfield, Mass.;

May 23, Rev. James L. Jewell, over the South Salem Church;
June 27, Rev. G. Ernest Merriam, over the Mt. Kisco Church;
June 28, Rev. Douglas Putnam Birnie, over the Rye Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 17, 1899, Rev. John H. Trussell, to the Presbytery of Albany;
April 17, Rev. John B. Appel, to the Presbytery of Niagara;
June 20, Rev. William H. Johnson, to the Presbytery of Transylvania;
September 5, Rev. Gerhart A. Wilson, to the Presbytery of Washington City, and Rev. Warren H. Wilson, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Deceased:

December 21, 1898, at Sing Sing, N. Y., Rev. David A. Holbrook, Ph.D., aged 78 years;
March 11, 1899, at Peekskill, N. Y., Rev. David Murdoch, D.D., aged 75 years;
June 28, at Greenwich, Conn., Rev. Alfred Edwards Lewis, aged 55 years.

Church declared extinct:

January 17, 1899, North Salem.

SUMMARY.

Ministers	1,220	Licentiates	62
Churches	890	Candidates	106

II. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Term Expiring in 1900.

J. Sloat Fassett,
Seymour Dexter,
Mrs. Howard Elmer,
Louis G. Rathburn,
Royal C. Clinton,
Solomon E. Smith.

Term Expiring in 1901.

Francis Hall,
William R. Rathbun,
John Stewart,
Henry C. Merriam,
Rev. David J. Burrell, D. D.,
Mrs. Helen B. Turner, A. B.

Term Expiring in 1902.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D.,
Rev Isaac Jennings, D. D.,
Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D.,
Mallory D. Schoonmaker,
H. Austin Clark,
Hubert C. Mandeville,
Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams.

2. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Term Expiring in 1900.—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D., Prof. Philip M. Hull.

Term Expiring in 1901.—Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph. D., Rev. Daniel Mackay, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt.

Term Expiring in 1902.—Rev. James Gardner, D. D., Rev. Peter R. Ross, Prof. Ezra J. Peck.

III. WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Mrs. Willard J. Heacock. Mrs. Lucy C. Lester, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. James Hyde Pratt, Mrs. Andrew V. V. Raymond, Mrs. Stephen Sanford, Mrs. William N. Strong.

Binghamton—Mrs. Junius J. Cowles, Mrs. Charles Gale, Mrs. Josiah S. Leverett, Mrs. G. Parsons Nichols, Miss Editha Stephens.

Boston—Mrs. S. F. Hershey, Mrs. Kenneth McKay, Mrs. Eben M. McPherson, Mrs. James J. Dunlop, Mrs. Robert W. Peach, Mrs. F. S. Le Bosquet.

Brooklyn—Mrs. Lewis R. Foote, Mrs. William A. M. Grier, Mrs. James M. Ham, Mrs. Darwin R. James, Mrs. W. A. Putnam, Mrs. H. E. Hendrickson, Mrs. H. R. Mayette.

Buffalo—Mrs. John C. Bryant, Mrs. Fred. R. Eaton, Mrs. Alfred Haines, Mrs. Louis M. Kimball, Mrs. J. F. Miner, Mrs. William H. Walker, Mrs. William F. Wheeler.

Cayuga—Mrs. Arthur S. Hoyt, Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington, Mrs. James Seymour, Mrs. Lydia B. Welch, Mrs. Henry G. Wise.

Champlain—Mrs. Williamine Childs, Mrs. Charles S. Judd, Mrs. Charles L. Knapp, Mrs. Laura M. Nye, Miss Mary E. Whiteside.

Chemung—Mrs. H. B. Jackson, Mrs. William Pellett, Mrs. Alexander O. Peloubet, Mrs. Stephen Rose.

Columbia—Mrs. Truman Johnson, Mrs. George C. Yeisley, Mrs. Charles E. Hoyt.

Genesee—Miss Fanny J. Buxton, Mrs. Augustus Frank, Mrs. Gardner Fuller, Mrs. Butler Ward.

Geneva—Mrs. Nahum Grimes, Mrs. Anna Herendeen, Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Mrs. Benjamin F. Prichard, Mrs. H. G. Person.

Hudson—Mrs. Frances V. Boak, Mrs. David F. Bonner, Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Mrs. Thomas Nichols, Mrs. Alexander Thompson, Mrs. Mary Wood.

Long Island—Miss Sarah J. Adams, Miss Mary H. Howell, Mrs. William H. Littell, Mrs. Epher Whitaker.

Lyons—Mrs. A. Parke Burgess, Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. Phebe A. Vary, Mrs. S. S. Pierson, Mrs. Russell F. Stoddard.

Nassau—Miss Florence N. McCormick, Mrs. Ellen L. Mowbray, Mrs. Peter D. Oakey, Mrs. Alexander G. Russell.

New York—Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd, Mrs. Silas B. Brownwell, Mrs. Edward N. Crosby, Mrs. W. E. Damon, Miss S. F. Lincoln, Mrs. John C. Martin, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Charles L. Thompson.

Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clark, Mrs. Claudius L. Hoag, Mrs. Robert Norton, Mrs. George S. Hutchinson.

North River—Mrs. Myra V. W. Brinkerhoff, Mrs. Leroy C. Cooley, Miss Anna S. Ludlum, Mrs. Morgan Carpenter.

Otsego—Miss Mary L. Abell, Miss Sarah Crandall, Mrs. Elihu P. Phinney, Mrs. Leonard F. Richards, Mrs. James H. Robinson.

Rochester—Mrs. Helen Bristol, Mrs. Louis Chapin, Mrs. Thomas Chester, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. Levi Parsons, Miss Frances E. Lauderdale, Mrs. Helen S. Sylvester, Mrs. Carrie E. West, Mrs. J. B. Adams.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. Charles Anthony, Mrs. D. C. Griffith, Mrs. Allen Macy Dulles, Mrs. Alonzo A. Smith, Mrs. H. C. Deane, Mrs. F. W. Townsend.

Steuben—Mrs. Joel D. Gillett, Mrs. George W. Nichols, Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle, Mrs. Francis A. Williams.

Syracuse—Mrs. James O. Bennett, Mrs. Nancy E. Dow, Mrs. DeWitt Gardner, Mrs. I. B. Poucher, Mrs. William M. Smith, Mrs. Orson L. White, Mrs. Irving G. Vann.

Troy—Mrs. William V. Baker, Mrs. Norman Cole, Miss J. M. Qua, Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. Robert B. Stiles, Mrs. R. Halstead Ward, Mrs. Edward P. Sprague.

Utica—Mrs. Anna L. Greenman, Mrs. Frederick W. McCluskey, Mrs. William R. Terrett, Mrs. Ralph W. Brokaw, Mrs. Timothy Parker, Mrs. F. W. Richardson.

Westchester—Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Mrs. Helen C. Parsons, Mrs. J. F. Pingry, Mrs. Daniel E. Provost, Mrs. John H. Randall, Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Miss Cornelia B. Wheeler.

IV. OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Changes in Names and Addresses.

CHEMUNG: Rev. Murray H. Gardner, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*, Horseheads.

GENESEE: Rev. Arthur E. Brigden, *Treasurer*, Attica.

NORTH RIVER—Rev. Duncan C. Niven, *Stated Clerk*, Monticello.

V. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

President: William Allen Butler, Esq., New York.

Secretary: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., New York.

Term Expiring in 1900: Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., William Allen Butler, Thomas G. Ritch.

Term Expiring in 1901: Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., James Yereance, Charles Henderson.

Term Expiring in 1902: Rev. Robert F. Sample D. D., Rev. David G. Wylie, D. D., William A. Wheelock, John J. McCook.

Ex-officio: Rev. James H. Robinson, D. D., Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D.

VI. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	HENRY A. NELSON, D. D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
"	HOWARD CROSBY, D. D.	New York	"
1883.	JAMES MCLEOD, D. D.	Buffalo	New York
1884.	JOHN MCC. HOLMES, D. D.	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	L. MERRILL MILLER, D. D.	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	JOSEPH E. NASSAU, D. D.	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	CHARLES C. WALLACE, D. D.	Boston	Auburn
1888.	T. RALSTON SMITH, D. D.	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	SAMUEL JESSUP, D. D.	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	ANDREW V. V. RAYMOND, D. D.	Albany	Lockport
1891.	ASA S. FISKE, D. D.	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	LEVI PARSONS, D. D.	Rochester	Albany
1893.	JAMES GARDNER, D. D.	Albany	Rochester
1894.	GEORGE C. YEISLEY, D. D.	Columbia	New York
1895.	HOWARD DUFFIELD, D. D.	New York	Binghamton
1896.	RALPH E. PRIME, LL. D., (Elder)	Westchester	Brooklyn
1897.	JOSEPH GAMBLE, D. D.	Champlain	Utica
1898.	A. CAMERON MACKENZIE, D. D.	Binghamton	Elmira
1899.	JAMES H. ROBINSON, D. D.	Otsego	Troy

VII. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Synod of New York, in account with T. Ralston Smith, Treasurer, for the year ending October 17, 1899.

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To		*By*	
Salaries of Temp. Clerks....	$40 00	Balance from Old Account.	$1,127 82
Troy "Times," printing....	30 00	Receipts from Presbyteries.	1,321 55
Committee on Temperance..	7 10		
Rent of office.....	225 00		
Printing Minutes, etc.....	236 50		
Systematic Beneficence.....	30 00		
Permanent Clerk.....	150 75		
Envelopes for Minutes.....	4 50		
Elmira Examiners.....	47 67		
Dr. John McC. Holmes, Exp.	54 30		
Salary of Stated Clerk.....	400 00		
Mailing Minutes, Postage, Stationery, and Incidental Expenses.....	108 10		
Balance to New Account....	1,115 45		
	$2,449 37		$2,449 37

Deducting actual and estimated claims outstanding, the available balance for the expenses of the current year is $985.

VIII. STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

II.

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a Standing Committee, to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting of the Synod, which shall be designated prior to the adjournment.

A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed also, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for popular meetings. The morning sessions shall always be opened with devotional services, to be continued ordinarily for half an hour.

III.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal

number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders; and so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders."

IV.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod; and from these lists shall be made up the official roll.

At the calling of the roll at the opening session, the names of the principals who have thus been reported, or of alternates duly substituted, shall be included; but when alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person privately to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, before their names shall be substituted upon the roll for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

V.

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor; and the members of committees which have been appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in regular correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations, and their post-office address.

VI.

In the case of the failure of the Moderator, the annual meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a minister of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

VII.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

VIII.

Each Presbytery, immediately after its Fall Stated Meeting, shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes, for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 9. These reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

IX.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting :

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Business.
3. Minutes of the General Assembly.
4. Finance.
5. Leave of Absence.
6. To nominate Visitors to Theological Seminaries and other educational institutions.
7. To nominate the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions.
8. To Nominate Trustees of the Synod, and Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College.
9. On the Records of the several Presbyteries.
10. To collate the Reports on Presbyterial Records.

X.

1. At every annual meeting, one of the three classes of Trustees of Elmira College, consisting of six or seven members, as the case may be, shall be elected for a period of three years; and any vacancy which may have occurred in any class shall be filled.

2. The Reformed (Dutch), the Congregational, the Methodist Episcopal, the Protestant Episcopal, and the Baptist denominations shall be represented, each by one member of the Board of Trustees, to be chosen by the Synod, as required by the charter.

3. Three ministers shall likewise be chosen for a period of three years, as members of a Board of nine Examiners, whose duty it shall be to visit the College at such times as they may agree upon, and examine its methods of instruction and discipline, as well as the general condition of the institution, and its adaptedness to the work entrusted to it. The Board shall appoint its own Chairman and Secretary, and shall present a written report annually to the Synod.

XI.

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General Rules for Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XII.

All papers intended for Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him to the Synod, before being referred.

XIII.

In the case of extended reports, if they are to be recorded, the Stated Clerk shall have authority to condense, at his discretion, those portions which do not contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod, unless otherwise directed by a vote of the Synod.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XV.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

XVI.

Vacancies, occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod, in any Committees whose members have been appointed to represent the Presbyteries, may be filled, *ad interim*, by the Presbyteries concerned.

XVII.

The Permanent Committees of the Synod shall serve for two years, and shall be appointed by the Synod in 1900, and in every second year thereafter.

XVIII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder whose name is on the roll of the Synod, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

IX. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

I. SYNODICAL MISSIONS: Albert P. Stevens, *Chairman*, Albany; Rev. Richard D. Harlan, *Secretary*, Rochester; Henry Aird, *Treasurer*, Cohoes; Rev. Richard D. Harlan, *Secretary of Executive Committee.*

II. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE: *Ministers*—Charles A. Richmond, William S. Hubbell, George C. Yeisley, Samuel V. V. Holmes. *Elders*—Francis A. Board, John H. Osborne.

III. HOME MISSIONS: *Ministers*—Allen Macy Dulles, William F. Whitaker, A. Russell Stevenson. *Elders*—Edward N. Dauchy, Louis W. Pratt, Orrin Day.

IV. FOREIGN MISSIONS: *Ministers*—J. Balcom Shaw, Alvah G. Fessenden, Newell Woolsey Wells, John E. Adams, George S. Webster, Henry T. McEwen. *Elders*—A. Noel Blakeman, Henry M. Lester, John J. Tower, Edmund P. Platt, John Stewart, Charles W. Hand.

V. EDUCATION: *Ministers*—Gerard B. F. Hallock, George B. Spalding, Willis J. Beecher, J. Lovejoy Robertson. *Elders*—John E. Meyer, Henry Hooker, James W. Eager.

VI. PUBLICATION AND SABBATH SCHOOL WORK: *Ministers*—Wilton Merle Smith, John T. Wilds, John E. Adams, Daniel H. Overton. *Elders*—William R. Worrall, Russell W. McKee, William McCarroll.

VII. CHURCH ERECTION: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Warren R. Cochrane, Charles S. Dewing, James M. Craig. *Elders*—John Gilchrist, Ebenezer M. McPherson, Oliver O. Jones.

VIII. MINISTERIAL RELIEF: *Ministers*—George C. Yeisley, Cornelius S. Stowitts, Alfonso R. Olney, William M. Johnson. *Elders*—William H. Doughty, T. Romeyn Bunn, William W. Smith.

IX. FREEDMEN: *Ministers*—Samuel T. Clarke, William Burnett Wright, Anthony H. Evans, Duncan Cameron. *Elders*—Edward C. Warner, Marcus A. G. Meads, Edward W. Skinner.

X. AID FOR COLLEGES: *Ministers*—Henry T. McEwen, George Alexander, John E. Bushnell, Howard A. Johnston. *Elders*—William E. Stiger, George H. Southard, James Talcott.

XI. YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: *Ministers*—Edward M. Deems, Alfred J. Hutton, Warren D. More, Louis F. Ruf. *Elders*—Richard H. Bloom, Harry C. Heermans, Alexander Davidson.

XII. TEMPERANCE: *Ministers*—James Chambers, G. Parsons Nichols, James Gardner, Henry Ward. *Elders*—Henry W. Jessup, George H. Southard, James H. Loomis.

XIII. SABBATH OBSERVANCE: *Ministers*—William P. Swartz, George T. Berry, John A. Ingham. *Elders*—Rush Taggart, William W. Smith.

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At Edinburgh, the fifteenth day of November, 1899, which day the Commission of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland being met and duly constituted, *inter alia*, Mr. R. R. Simpson laid on the table a Minute of the Synod of New York, at which he had recently been present, as follows: [See p. 35.]

The Commission received with great cordiality the greetings of the Synod of New York, conveyed by Mr. R. R. Simpson, and they very heartily reciprocate the fraternal salutation of the Synod as expressed in their Minute of 19th October last.

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